

# **2014 COOK COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEMBER CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

## **FOR THE TRUSTEE ELECTION BEING HELD ON OCTOBER 29, 2014**

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**Candidate Name:** Brent Lewandowski

**Trustee Position:** Cook County Employee Trustee

My name is Brent Lewandowski, 13-year veteran of the Cook County Sheriff's Department and a candidate for re-election as a Trustee of the Cook County Pension Fund.

Three years ago, I was elected to represent the working men and women of Cook County as a Trustee on the Pension Board. Since then, I have worked tirelessly to protect the integrity of our Fund. During my tenure, the Fund has achieved investment returns of 12.7% and 15.3%, significantly above our assumed rate of 7.5%. Our assets have grown from \$7.9 billion to over \$9 billion.

I currently serve as the Vice-President of the Board and have served as Board Secretary, Chairperson of the Legislative Committee, and a member of the Investment and Health Benefits Committees. I have applied the knowledge and expertise gained ensuring the Fund is administered to the benefit of members we serve. In addition, I spearheaded the efforts to protect retiree health access by reducing the cost of retiree medical benefits without sacrificing coverage or doctor accessibility. Looking ahead, the Pension Board needs strong leadership to continue advancing the interests of our Fund.

I promise to continue to be an advocate for our members, to work diligently for a secure financial retirement, and to maintain benefits as my track record has proven. It is a privilege to serve as your Trustee and I pledge to continue my responsibilities with duty and loyalty, and to protect our financial future.

I humbly ask for your vote on October 29, 2014.