

2019 COOK COUNTY EMPLOYEE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

FOR THE TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 30, 2019

- **Candidate Name:** Alexander Soler
- **Position Sought:** Cook County Employee Trustee
- **Current Job Title:** Cook County Deputy Sheriff
- **Total Years of Service:** 6 years



Biographical Information:

I was born and raised in Chicago. I was an operational building engineer prior to becoming a Cook County Deputy Sheriff. I've been actively involved in unions for 14 years, previously Local 399 and now Teamsters 700. I became a union steward because I wanted to help my brothers and sisters in law enforcement. There were many concerns on my shift and I wanted to be able to do something about it rather than wait for someone else to respond. What I have learned as a steward is that there is a reason people are discouraged. We have to take the time to listen before we react.

Why do I want to be on the Pension Board?

I want to be a voice for members and ensure their needs and concerns are properly communicated and represented. We have to take the time to listen and educate the members. Below are the goals that I have set for myself:

- Tier 2 employees to be able to retire without penalty at 30 years of service or 60 years of age
- Push legislation that will bring back the optional pension, which will allow us to retire at 30 years of service with a full pension instead of waiting 3 additional years
- Support legislation that will allow all military veterans to buy back the last 3 years of their time
- Support legislation that will allow employees with 28 years of service to buy out their remaining time
- Dedicate myself to pursuing legislation that allows us to increase our medical subsidiary from the pension

Remember... the future is "Soler".