

# 2015 FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT EMPLOYEE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

FOR THE TRUSTEE ELECTION BEING HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 2015

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**Candidate Name:** Dennis White

**Trustee Position:** Forest Preserve District Employee Trustee

This is to advise you that I am a candidate for election as a trustee to the Office of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Employee Member of the Retirement Board of the County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County (the "Fund"). I am seeking this position because I desire to serve my fellow employees and to utilize the knowledge and experience I have gained throughout my professional career to assist in the management of the Fund.

Currently, I am the Chief Attorney of the Cook County Forest Preserve District. In this capacity, I provide counsel to the leadership of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and other members of senior management regarding a wide range of issues including, but not limited to matters involving real estate, contracts, employment, litigation, and municipal law. My responsibilities include supervising four attorneys and other support staff; drafting and negotiating real estate contracts, land use agreements, and intergovernmental agreements; bargaining and negotiating labor agreements; and representing the Forest Preserve District in a variety of arenas.

In addition, I am a member of the Board of Directors of the South Side Branch of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and am a sponsor (and alumnus) of the LINK Unlimited Scholars program, which provides educational college preparatory opportunities for talented African-American high school youth. I also am a member of the Flossmoor Plan Commission.

Prior to attending law school, I worked as an engineer for Northern Illinois Gas, an engineer for Northrop Corporation, and a Summer Executive for M&T Bank. I received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois in 1988, a J.D. from Northwestern University Law School in 1994, and a M.B.A. from the University of Chicago Business School in 1996.

Please consider allowing me to serve you.