

2022 COOK COUNTY EMPLOYEE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

FOR THE TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 26, 2022

- **Candidate Name:** Diahann Goode
- **Position Sought:** Cook County Employee Trustee
- **Current Job Title:** Deputy Sheriff, Court Services Department
- **Total Years of Service:** 27 Years



Biographical Information: My name is Diahann Goode and I am seeking reelection as a Trustee to the Cook County Pension Board. I am counting on your vote, the same way you have been able to rely on me for the last 9 years. I was selected and elected to the fund by a group of my peers. I decided not to run last year in order to care for my 91 year old Father, who needed more attention. My father is a 27 year retiree of the Cook County Juvenile Court. In taking care of my Dad I have learned what retirees need. I've known what active members need for the Pension Fund, now I have a greater appreciation of what retirees need.

No one really thinks about the Pension fund until they are ready to retire. I also deal with disability requests from active members, counsel and vote on behalf of County employees, who are in need of funds due to medical emergencies, sit on committees such as Health, Investments and Legislative. As some of you already know, I spend a great deal of time on the phone with some of you just navigating the bureaucracy of the County. I demand better for all of you by holding our elected and appointed board members responsible for their actions on your behalf.

Additional Pertinent Experience:

- 9 years as a Pension Trustee including one term as the Secretary of the Fund
- Served on the Health and Investment Committees
- Chaired the Legislative and Emerging Manager Committees
- Certificate in Public Sector Benefits Administration
- Certificate of Achievement in Public Employees Retirement Systems
- Completion of the Certified Pension Trustee Program offered By Northern Illinois University
- 27 Year Employee of the Sheriff's Department including 23 Years as a Union Steward
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Order of the Eastern Star