

# 2024 COOK COUNTY EMPLOYEE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

## FOR THE TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 30, 2024

- **Candidate Name:** Shaefrey L. Griffin
- **Position Sought:** Cook County Employee Trustee
- **Current Job Title:** Engineering Assistant III, Department of Transportation and Highways
- **Total Years of Service:** 7 Years



**Biographical Information:** My name is Shaefrey L. Griffin, and I am proud to announce my candidacy for a Trustee position on the Retirement Board of the County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County. I currently serve as Engineering Assistant III at the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, a position I've held for four years. In this role, I oversee construction projects, manage fiscal operations, lead road maintenance teams, and ensure compliance with state standards. Previously, I served as Engineering Assistant I in the Equipment Division, where I managed the procurement of parts and materials for all four county districts and handled the installation and maintenance of software and tough books for the machinists in the division.

I'm personally invested in this role. My father worked for 34 years at Acme Steel Coke Plant, only to see his pension mismanaged, leaving him and his coworkers uncertain about their retirement security. This experience has motivated me to ensure that no worker faces similar hardships due to poor oversight or mismanagement.

As a candidate for Trustee, I am committed to financial stewardship, transparency, and protecting members' retirement benefits. With my experience in leadership, operations management, and compliance, I am well-equipped to contribute to the pension board's mission. I am knowledgeable about the pension statutes that govern our fund, and I remain engaged with the day-to-day issues affecting its financial health. I am dedicated to working collaboratively with fellow board members to maintain the integrity and sustainability of our pension plan for years to come.