

# 2018 COOK COUNTY EMPLOYEE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

FOR THE TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 31, 2018

- **Candidate Name:** Kevin J. Hayden
- **Position Sought:** Cook County Employee Trustee
- **Current Job Title:** Deputy Sheriff, Court Services Department
- **Total Years of Service:** 20 Years



**Biographical Information:** I'm pleased to announce my candidacy for the office of Trustee for the Retirement Board of the County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County. I enter this race not to oppose any one person, but instead, to offer a fresh perspective on how our pension fund is managed. I believe that the experience and success that I've had with my own personal investments have given me some insight to assist the Board in managing the Fund in the most successful way.

I've worked as a Cook County Deputy Sheriff for the past 20 years. I've spent all of those years working at the Juvenile Court Building, and for the past year I've been chosen to work at the new Restorative Justice Community Court. Working in this innovative project has helped me to grow professionally and expand upon my communication and leadership skills. I have a BA in Criminal Justice. I am also an active member of my local church. I believe if you asked my colleagues and coworkers that they would describe me as someone who's hardworking, dependable, with integrity.

Public pensions have always played a very important part of my life. My father worked for Peoples Gas for 30 years and he was fortunate enough to collect his pension for 32 years. I am proud to have served the community thus far and look forward to retirement some day - as many of you do - it will be my goal to do my part to make sure that we all have the opportunity to collect our pensions in full.

I ask for your support and I look forward to speaking with as many of you as possible leading up to the election.