

# 2021 COOK COUNTY EMPLOYEE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

FOR THE TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 27, 2021

- **Candidate Name:** Tracy Reed
- **Position Sought:** Cook County Employee Trustee
- **Current Job Title:** Certified Pharmacy Technician CPhT, Provident Hospital
- **Total Years of Service:** 27 Years



**Biographical Information:** My name is Tracy Reed, and I am asking for your support in my effort to be elected as Trustee representing employees on the Cook County Pension Board.

I have been employed with Cook County Health and Hospital Systems for 27 years as a Certified Pharmacy Technician. I began my career at Cermak Health Services in 1994 and in my current position at Provident Hospital since 1999.

I'm a 22-year Teamster and a former member of AFSCME 1276.

For 20-plus years as a Union Steward, I've been actively involved in defending and protecting public employees' rights. I'm experienced in all levels of worksite representation including grievance handling, contract negotiations and arbitrations. I've had the honor of serving three terms as Trustee for Teamsters Local 743 where I was responsible for the supervision of all funds and property of my Local Union.

I'm seeking a position as Trustee on the Cook County Pension Board because I believe that in addition to fair wages, reasonable benefits and safe working conditions, every Cook County Employee who works hard and plays by the rules should have access to a secure and dignified retirement.

I believe that because of my experience coupled with my high levels of motivation, enthusiasm, and dedication to this system, I would be an asset to the Cook County Pension Board.

If you give me the honor to serve you, I promise that I will do my absolute best to preserve the fiscal security of the pension fund and the continuation of pension benefits for every employee.