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**To:** Honorable John P. Daley, *Chairman*  
Cook County Board of Commissioners, Finance Committee

**From:** Lance Gough  
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Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago

**CC:** Annette C.M. Guzman, *Budget Director*  
Department of Budget & Management Services

**Date:** November 11, 2020

**Re:** Request for Information from FY2021 Department Budget Hearing

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The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing held on November 6, 2020 to discuss the FY2021 Executive Budget Recommendation.

**I. Request ID# 1525-01**

Commissioner Degnen asked why account 580379-Appropriation Adjustments went from a budget of (\$900,000) in FY 20 to \$0 in FY 21 (see page B-4 of the budget book)?

**Response:**

In fiscal year 2020 (FY-20) the County is responsible for the wages of election day judges of election and appropriates accordingly. The State provides a "reimbursement" to the Board of Elections for the City of Chicago (Board) for a portion of these wages. The Board in turn forwards the reimbursement(s) to the County creating the need for appropriation adjustments.

For the March Primary the reimbursement amount was \$399,375 and for the November General the reimbursement amount is \$465,425 for a total of \$864,900

Since the Board has no scheduled election in fiscal year 2021, The anticipated budget for County account 580379-Appropriation Adjustments for FY-21 is \$0.

As always, please let us know if you have any additional questions.