

# 2024 COOK COUNTY EMPLOYEE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

FOR THE TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 30, 2024

- **Candidate Name:** Tracy Reed
- **Position Sought:** Cook County Employee Trustee
- **Current Job Title:** Certified Pharmacy Technician CPhT, Provident Hospital
- **Total Years of Service:** 30 Years



**Biographical Information:** My name is Tracy Reed, and I have proudly served as a dedicated employee of the Cook County Health and Hospital Systems for 30 years. I am writing to humbly request your support for my re-election as a Trustee of the Cook County Pension Fund.

Three years ago, I was elected to represent the hard-working men and women of Cook County as a Trustee to the Pension Board. Since then, I have worked tirelessly to protect the integrity of our Fund. During my tenure, the Cook County funding ratio has increased from 64% to 66%, while our assets have grown from \$12.6 billion to over \$13.5 billion. In addition to these gains, I was proud to be on the Retirement Board that secured actuarially required contributions in the Illinois Pension Code. With this new law, the Cook County Pension Fund is projected to be 100% funded by 2047.

I currently serve as the Chairperson of the Emerging Manager Investment Sub-Committee, which develops policies and goals for the utilization of emerging managers and broker/dealers across asset classes. I also serve on several other key committees, including the Legislative Committee, the Investment Committee, and the Health Benefits Committee. My 30 years of experience in the healthcare industry allows me to bring valuable insight and expertise to the Healthcare Committee, where I proudly contribute.

As a fiduciary for the Plan, I have taken an oath to act in the best interests of its members, a responsibility I hold with the utmost seriousness and integrity. I am fully committed to upholding the trust placed in me and to safeguarding the financial future of our members.

I sincerely hope to continue serving you and the members of the Plan with the same dedication, and I respectfully ask for your vote in the upcoming election.