

August 4, 2026

To: Deborah Conroy – Chair, Du Page County

From: James Zay – County Board Member, District 6

Re: Item to be placed on the County Board agenda

Pursuant to County Board rules the following is being requested to be added to the County Board agenda for the August 11, 2026, County Board meeting to be held in the County Board room 10:00 am, 421 North County Farm Rd. Wheaton, IL 60185

We, the listed members of the DuPage County Board, request that:

**ORDINANCE TO PRESENT A PUBLIC QUESTION VIA COUNTYWIDE REFERENDUM
ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF CORONER AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF DUPAGE
COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER.**

This item needs to have a resolution number assigned to it:

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sam Tornatore District 1	Cindy Cronin Cahill District 1
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Brian Krajewski District 3	Kari Galassi District 3
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James Zay District 6	Grant Eckhoff District 4
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Lucy Evans
District 3

CB-R-0041-26

**ORDINANCE TO PRESENT A PUBLIC QUESTION VIA COUNTYWIDE
REFERENDUM ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF CORONER AND
ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF DUPAGE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER**

WHEREAS, DuPage County government continues to make concerted efforts to address current and future budgetary constraints by streamlining governmental operations, improving efficiency and eliminating redundancy in operations, among other measures; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 4(c) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois states, “Any office may be created or eliminated and the terms of office and manner of selection by county-wide referendum...”; and

WHEREAS, Article 28-2 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 28-2) provides that a County Board may adopt resolutions or ordinances which initiate the submission of public questions to the ballot; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers should have the opportunity to have input as to the functions of their government and use of their tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, allowing the voters of DuPage County the opportunity to determine the propriety of the abolition of the office of Coroner with the duties previously performed by the Coroner to be performed by an appointed Medical Examiner via a binding referendum is an opportunity to engage residents directly in our democratic process; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage County Board seeks to place a question before the electorate via referendum on the November 3, 2026 countywide ballot seeking to eliminate the office of the DuPage County Coroner and establish the appointed office of DuPage County Medical Examiner to perform the duties previously performed by the Coroner effective December 1, 2028.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County of DuPage, a unit of local government, by and through the DuPage County Board, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That the following binding referendum question be submitted to the qualified electors of the County of DuPage at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026:

“Shall the Office of the DuPage County Coroner be eliminated and all duties and responsibilities of the DuPage County Coroner be transferred to and performed by an appointed medical examiner, effective December 1, 2028?

() YES

() NO”

SECTION TWO: That the binding referendum question is authorized by the DuPage County Board and shall be submitted to the qualified electors of DuPage County at the General Election on November 3, 2026, in accordance with all applicable provisions of Illinois law.

SECTION THREE: That the County Clerk is hereby directed to certify said binding referendum in accordance with the Illinois Election Code.

SECTION FOUR: That the ballot to be used at the November 3, 2026 General Election, for the referendum question listed above shall be in substantially the same form as set forth in Section One herein, with such alterations, changes, insertions and deletions as are required by Article 24A of the Illinois Election Code, if an electronic, mechanical, or electric voting system is used in said election.

SECTION FIVE: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after passage and approval pursuant to law.

Enacted and approved this 11th Day of August, 2026 at Wheaton, Illinois.

Deborah Conroy Chair, DuPage County Board

Deborah Conroy
DuPage County Board

Attest: _____
Jean Kaczmarek, County Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF DUPAGE)
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CLERK’S CERTIFICATION

I, JEAN KACZMAREK, DU PAGE COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE DU PAGE COUNTY BOARD, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND KEEPER OF THE RECORDS AND FILES THEREOF, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE FORGOING TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF

ORDINANCE CB-R-0041-26 - AN ORDINANCE TO PRESENT A PUBLIC QUESTION VIA COUNTYWIDE REFERENDUM ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF CORONER AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF DUPAGE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER,

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD AT A MEETING HELD AT THE JACK T. KNUEPFER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD, WHEATON, ILLINOIS, ON THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026. A.D.

ALL OF WHICH APPEARS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF SAID COUNTY BOARD NOW IN MY OFFICE REMAINING.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL AT WHEATON, ILLINOIS, THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST 2026 A.D.

JEAN KACZMAREK,
COUNTY CLERK
CLERK OF COUNTY BOARD OF DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

(FACE OF BALLOT)
OFFICIAL BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark a cross (X) in the square opposite the word indicating the way you desire to vote.

Shall the Office of the DuPage County Coroner be eliminated and all duties and responsibilities of the DuPage County Coroner be transferred to and performed by an appointed medical examiner, effective December 1, 2028?	YES _____
	NO _____

(BACK OF PAPER BALLOT)

OFFICIAL BALLOT
General Election – November 3, 2026
COUNTY OF DUPAGE, ILLINOIS

Ballot for Voting on Binding Referendum Eliminating Office of Coroner and establishing Office
of Medical Examiner

/s/ _____
DuPage County Clerk

COUNTY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jean Kaczmarek, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and elected County Clerk of the County of DuPage, Illinois, in whose care and custody the records of the County of DuPage are maintained. I do hereby further certify that the attached Ordinance is a true and correct copy of:

ORDINANCE CB-R-0041-26 - AN ORDINANCE TO PRESENT A PUBLIC QUESTION VIA COUNTYWIDE REFERENDUM ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF CORONER AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF DUPAGE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER,

And that the attached ballot is a true and correct copy of the November 3, 2026, General Election Official Ballot for the County of DuPage, Illinois, binding referendum submitted to the electors of the County of DuPage.

WITNESS my hand and seal this day of _____, 2026, A. D.

JEAN KACZMAREK, DuPage County Clerk