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IVI-IPO CALLS FOR OPEN PROCESS IN BOARD PRESIDENT NOMINATION

(Chicago) The Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization (IVI-IPO) has called upon the Cook County Democratic Committee to open the nomination process for John Stroger's replacement to public input and scrutiny.

"The public has been cheated out of their right to be heard," asserted Rich Whitehead, IVI-IPO Political Action Chair. "Their primary votes are now meaningless and they should have an opportunity to hear the new candidates and lobby the County Committee for their choices."

IVI-IPO is asking the Committee to hold public hearings, with presentations from candidates and an opportunity for questions from voters, to be followed by a one week period when voters can contact their Democratic ward and township committeemen to make their opinions known.

Of greatest importance, Whitehead said, is that the vote by the committeemen to choose a new nominee for Board President must be public. "This will be the most important vote the committeemen have ever taken," Whitehead maintained, "their deliberations and final decision must be made in the open. Public officials, even party committeemen, must be accountable to the people who elect them."

Founded in 1944, IVI-IPO's mission is to achieve social justice through good government by increasing voter participation and knowledge, by providing a framework for candidate evaluation, and by electing responsive government officials.

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