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**Declan J. Smith
County Board District 11
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**Enough is Enough
Cook County in Crisis
We must act now!**

**Declan J. Smith
For Cook County
Commissioner**



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My name is Declan Smith, and I am running for the Cook County Board in the 11th District. I am a 22-year-old college senior studying Finance and currently working at a local bank. I think our government should represent the people it serves. The current County Board has a 15:2 democratic supermajority. It is time for opposing voices to be heard.

As a lifelong resident of the 11th District, I was distraught when I saw in July of 2020 that the County Board had voted 15:1 to defund the Police. Now with the approval of the Safety Act, the safety of both the police officers and the community is at additional risk.

I know the odds are long, but I believe I can make a difference.

My platform is giving power back to the people.

- Safety
- Economics
- Better Government

Safety

- Reverse the “Defund the Police” movement and start investing into policing by increasing numbers, training and compensation.
- Stop the pending “Safety Act (HB3653),” which will free suspects without bail starting in January of 2023 for offenses such as kidnapping, armed robberies and 2nd degree murder.
- Push the State’s Attorney to prosecute violent criminals, explore alternative methods of prosecutions when the State’s Attorney refuses to prosecute. Use the budget process to push these.

Economics

- We must create a positive environment for business.
- We must repeal the non-enforcement of trespassing laws which goes into effect in January 2023 as part of the Safety Act. This will have devastating impact on businesses and taxpayers.
- Run the County efficiently, explore private management for Cook County Hospitals (Stroger and Provident).
- Tax less and spend less.

Better Government

- Fight for term limits, no more career politicians.
- No more playing politics with government.
- Reverse the pay raise and lower pay rate of Commissioners to that of State Representatives.