We have big news.

**Today, we acted to demand reform. Will you join us?**

This morning, on behalf of Brighton Park Neighborhood Council and Logan Square Neighborhood Association, Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights sued Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios for systemic and illegal bias in residential property tax valuation that strips assets from African-American and Hispanic families and communities. The legal team also includes attorneys from Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym, and Miner, Barnhill & Galland.

“It's fundamentally unfair that families in this community are required to pay artificially inflated taxes for their homes and bear a disproportionate share of the tax burden in Cook County,” says Patrick Brosnan of Brighton Park Neighborhood Council.
“What we see in this case is the perpetuation of a system that disproportionately impacts communities of color and continues to strip capital from already struggling neighborhoods,” adds Aneel Chablani, Advocacy Director at Chicago Lawyers’ Committee. “It’s the same type of institutional racism that gave rise to Chicago’s extreme housing segregation through racial steering, discriminatory zoning, and restrictive covenants.”

This assessment system is unlawful, cloaked in secrecy, and long overdue for reform. Join with us to fight for fairness and accountability in Cook County.

DONATE NOW to Chicago Lawyers’ Committee to support this litigation and other high-impact advocacy to advance racial equity and economic opportunity for all of our residents.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Allen, Executive Director