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**PRESIDENT STROGER ANNOUNCES HIS RELEASE OF TAX RETURNS**

With a commitment to transparency, President Stroger Challenges Opponents To Do The Same

Today, Cook County Board President Todd H. Stroger and the “Stroger For President” campaign held a press conference announcing that President Stroger and his wife, Jeanine Stroger, will be releasing their tax returns for the past two years. In a commitment to remain transparent President Stroger also invited his fellow opponents to do the same. The press conference was held at Hotel Allegro (171 West Randolph Street) at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27.

“Today, I am illustrating my commitment to transparency...Tomorrow morning I will be releasing me and my spouses tax returns. There will be full disclosure, as this will include a release of all schedules and itemized deductions. I would hope, better yet expect my opponents to do the same. It is important for the voters and citizens of Cook County to know how their elected officials, and their spouses, make their money,” stated President Stroger.

The “Stroger for President” campaign continues to support programs and initiatives that improve and protect the quality of life for all residents of Cook County. As the only candidate with a proven track record in executive leadership, President Todd H. Stroger continues to gain momentum with key supporters and constituencies across the County in his bid for re-election.

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For press review: Tomorrow morning “Stroger For President” Campaign’s Communications Director will have tax returns available per request