

Village of Matteson
Board of Trustees Meeting
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CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE
PROPOSED 2% COOK COUNTY HOTEL & RESTAURANT TAX

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TRUSTEE ASHMORE: I don't think there is anybody in this room, as a County employee myself – a labor negotiator for the County and we're right in the middle of some pretty heavy ones right now, I don't think anybody else in this room wants this County budget balanced faster than I do as do most of my colleagues. It too puts me obviously in a very difficult position, but yes, you do have to look at the overall impact of this type of thing. Obviously I'm a big supporter of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, including obviously the County Board President, that's who I work for. But from a Village standpoint, obviously this would have a very negative impact potentially on our businesses, and not just in our town, but just even in the Southland as Sam and Trustee Motton brought up earlier. So, for that reason, you know, it would be something that I would support, this resolution.