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## ***Can the Tax Statement on Commissioner Daley's Announced Support for Repealing the Beverage Tax***

**(CHICAGO - October 5, 2017)** - The Can the Tax Coalition issued the following statement in reaction to Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley's announcement today that he will vote next week to repeal the county's unfair beverage tax. Daley is the 9<sup>th</sup> commissioner to express an intention to vote for the repeal ordinance.

*"Commissioner Daley has always been a champion of working families and sound fiscal policy. Today's announcement is no different and we thank him for choosing Cook County working families and businesses.*

*"Nearly 90 percent of Cook County residents oppose the beverage tax and support its repeal. Today's announcement makes clear the majority of county commissioners will vote to repeal this damaging tax next Tuesday and Wednesday.*

*"Commissioner Daley's announcement underscores that every commissioner has a choice. Will they vote with President Preckwinkle and an outsider billionaire from New York City and support a deeply unpopular tax that is knowingly hurting county families and businesses while creating great uncertainty in the county's budget? Or will they reject threats and political gamesmanship to stand with Cook County working families and businesses and choose a new direction that responsibly funds critical county services in a fair and transparent way?*

*"Now is the time for everyone to make their voice heard and tell commissioners which choice they should make. Vote for repeal and vote for a new direction."*

Daley chairs the County Board Finance Committee, which is set to schedule a repeal ordinance next Tuesday, October 10.

### **About the Can the Tax Campaign and Coalition**

The *Can the Tax* coalition is an initiative of more than a dozen organizations in Cook County uniting to educate Cook County consumers, businesses and news media about the negative impact of the Cook County beverage tax on our local consumers and businesses. The Coalition will urge the Board of Cook County Commissioners to repeal the beverage tax to ensure Cook County residents have access to affordable consumer products and avoid the lost jobs and harm the tax will cause working families. Campaign activities are paid for by the American Beverage Association, a member of the *Can the Tax* campaign and coalition. To learn more, visit [StopTheCookCountyTax.com](http://StopTheCookCountyTax.com).

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