

**STATEMENT OF DEBORAH COTTON THOMAS  
CANDIDATE FOR EIGHTH MEMBER,  
BOARD OF RETIREMENT**

Age: 66

Occupation: Retired Supervising Children's Social Worker

It is essential that we have compassionate, knowledgeable, and culturally sensitive BOR members that reflect the diversity of retired employees. As a county employee; licensed clinical social work staff for the adoptions division of DCFS for 37 years, and a member of our union bargaining team for 35 years, helped fight for and negotiate the well-deserved benefits that we all receive. As a board member, expect me to look for increased access to quality affordable health care while not compromising or taking away earned coverage from hard working retirees.

MSW, University of Chicago

Former State President SEIU 535

NASW

ABSW

SEIU 721 Retiree Representative

VP Forum Federation of Retired Union Members

With your support, we will usher in a new era; will deepen our relationship with the communities our members retired in by investing wisely and being socially conscious.

Vote for me and let's do it.