



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Human Relations Committee**

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

**11:30 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Issued on 12/10/24**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

There will be a meeting of the Human Relations Committee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered to speak, with the Secretary, 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room C, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/23/2024.

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**Sponsored by:** MONICA GORDON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, MAGGIE TREVOR and JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RAISING AWARENESS OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF TRANS WOMEN**

**WHEREAS**, Taylor Casey, 42, a transwoman from Chicago, was last seen on June 19, 2024 on Paradise Island, which is adjacent to Nassau, the Bahamas’ capital; and

**WHEREAS**, The Windy City Times described Casey as “a fixture of Chicago’s transgender community and a beloved youth advocate.” And

**WHEREAS**, since the day of her disappearance, local authorities have made little to no progress towards finding Taylor Casey or solving her case in order to explain her disappearance; and

**WHEREAS**, Casey’s case is only one of countless of disappearances in the country that go unsolved, overlooked or simply ignored, exemplifying the disparity in attention towards transgender people’s victimization. According to a study by the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law published in 2021, transgender people are over four times more likely than cisgender people to experience violent victimization, including rape, sexual assault, and aggravated or simple assault; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a 2023 Human Rights Campaign Foundation report, Black transgender women, who face multiple layers of violence due to their gender identity, gender, and race, comprise 62% of all victims of violence against transgender and gender non-conforming people; and

**WHEREAS**, families, friends and loved ones of the missing trans women, hoping to find their loved one alive and well, suffer the despair of thinking the worst while the cases remain unsolved, or not investigated; and

**WHEREAS**, trans and gender non-conforming people face many forms of stigma, including lack of acceptance by friends and family, a hostile political climate and negative stereotypes or lack of representation in pop culture and the media. These factors lead to their dehumanization and increase their risk of becoming victims of violence; and

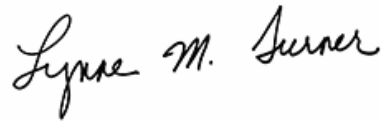
**WHEREAS**, in 2023 and 2024 the Cook County Board of Commissioners held hearings to understand the cases of missing and murdered Black women in Cook County and to discuss the ongoing violence and systemic barriers against Cook County transgender residents; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon this government to ensure the safety of all residents of this County and demand that more be done to find those who are missing, expedite and solve their cases and protect those

most vulnerable in our County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby join in the effort to find our missing trans women and specifically amplify Taylor Casey's case by appealing to the residents of our County for help in finding Taylor.

**Legislative History :** 11/21/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Human Relations Committee



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Secretary

Chair: K. Morrison

Vice-Chair: Trevor

Members: Anaya, Miller, Quezada, Stamps