



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.**

George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

[19-3841](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 05/22-23/2019

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 19-3841. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-4216](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 06/05/2019

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 19-4216. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry,  
Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3961](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, KEVIN B. MORRISON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), PETER N. SILVESTRI, JOHN P. DALEY, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRIDGET DEGNEN, DENNIS DEER, DONNA MILLER, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, DEBORAH SIMS, BRANDON JOHNSON, BRIDGET GAINER and BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EQUALITY ACT AND EQUAL RIGHTS FOR LGBTQ INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES**

**WHEREAS**, the Equality Act protects LGBTQ people from discrimination based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equality Act will create “one national standard” for LGBTQ rights and non-discrimination protections; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 13 million people ages 13 and older identify as members of the LGBTQ community; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority of LGBTQ Americans have reported experiencing harassment or discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty-eight states in the United States have no statutes that protect LGBTQ people from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equality Act prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in public accommodations and facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit, and the jury system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equality Act prohibits an individual from being denied access to a shared facility, including a restroom, a locker room, and a dressing room, that is in accordance with the individual's gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equality Act offers additional protections for gender identity regardless of the individual's designated sex at birth; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of Americans in all 50 states support non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ people; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority of lawmakers in the United States House of Representatives support The Equality Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Senate should follow the House's lead and pass The Equality Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States should support The Equality Act and guarantee equal rights to all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is a leader in promoting LGBTQ rights and hereby encourages other counties to adopt stronger non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois has been recognized as a leader in promoting LGBTQ rights by Human Rights Campaign and hereby encourages other States to adopt stronger non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many groups and individuals in Illinois that should be commended for their untiring efforts to bring equal rights to LGBTQ people; and

**WHEREAS**, June is Pride Month, dedicated to celebrating the LGBTQ community and its history; and

**WHEREAS**, the timing of this resolution coincides with the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, a commemoration of brave individuals who stood up for equal rights for all Americans;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the President and members of the Cook County Board assembled here this Twenty-Sixth day of June 2019, do hereby support equal rights for LGBTQ people and encourage the *President of the United States and Congress* to pass The Equality Act and guarantee equal rights for LGBTQ individuals throughout the country; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to President Donald J. Trump, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Jr., Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer, Speaker of the House Nancy P. Pelosi, House Minority Leader Kevin O. McCarthy, United States Senator Richard J. Durbin, and United States Senator Tammy Duckworth.

**A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to recommend for approval 19-3961. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3838](#)

**Sponsored by:** BRANDON JOHNSON, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, JOHN P. DALEY, PETER N. SILVESTRI, KEVIN B. MORRISON, BRIDGET DEGNEN and BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1384 - THE MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the United States spends nearly twice as much per capita on health care as all other comparable countries and yet ranks only 35th in the world by global health standards, including on such critical barometers as average life expectancy, infant mortality, maternal mortality, and death from preventable diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enacted important improvements, primarily through the expansion of Medicaid in states that have agreed to do so, and limits on some insurance industry abuses, that reform left tens of millions with a continuing crisis in access, cost, and quality of care; and

**WHEREAS**, the uninsured rate for U.S. adults has risen for four straight years up to nearly 30 million, even after implementation of the ACA, with the greatest increase among women, young adults, and lower-income people; and

**WHEREAS**, tens of millions more who pay for insurance remain underinsured due to the still largely unregulated high cost of medical care that has led to one-third of all GoFundMe accounts being established to pay for exorbitant medical bills; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 40 percent of all U.S. adults under the age of 65 forego needed medical care, 30 percent fail to fill a prescription or take less than the recommended dose, and a third said they had to choose in the past year between paying for food, heating, housing, or health care, according to a 2018 survey by the West Health Institute and NORC at the University of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the inability to pay medical bills continues to be a leading cause of personal bankruptcy, and people who need medical care should never face bankruptcy as a result of needing care; and

**WHEREAS**, the ever-rising cost of health care and its discriminatory characteristics contribute to the growing national chasm in wealth inequality; and

**WHEREAS**, discrimination, based on race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, and where one lives is particularly systematic to a profit-based health care system; and

**WHEREAS**, 55 percent of the uninsured are people of color; African Americans suffer higher death rates than whites at an earlier age due to heart disease, diabetes, cancer, HIV, and infant mortality; African-American women are three to four times more likely than white women to die in childbirth; and African-American and Latino students are more likely to experience health risks due to exposure to toxins and air pollution at school; and

**WHEREAS**, continued attacks on the ACA by the Trump administration and GOP in Congress have given insurance companies a new pretext to demand double-digit premium increases, while the government's failure to maintain taxpayer subsidies to help moderate-income families pay the high cost of insurance plans has exacerbated the crisis experienced by millions of American families; and

**WHEREAS**, employer-provided health benefits are declining and employees' costs are increasing through cost-shifting to workers, including increased cost of premiums for workers covered by employer-paid insurance, which have risen by an average of 65 percent, and deductibles have risen by an average of 212 percent over the past decade; and

**WHEREAS**, many other countries around the world use taxes to pay for national universal health care, which leaves U.S. based companies that pay for employee health care at a competitive disadvantage; and

**WHEREAS**, due to their profit incentive, private insurance companies deny up to one-fourth of all claims for care and restrict patient choice through narrow networks for doctors and hospitals, limited drug formularies, and other limits in coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States ranks first in cost, but only 35th among countries of the world in health system outcomes and quality according to the *Lancet* and worse for infant mortality and life expectancy, with no relationship between what health care costs in the United States and the quality of care or access to care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Medicare for All Act, H.R. 1384, would:

- Establish guaranteed, universal health care for all U.S. residents

- Provide comprehensive health care, including all primary care, hospital and outpatient services, dental, vision, audiology, maternity and newborn care, women's reproductive services, mental health, prescription drugs, and long-term care services
- Eliminate all costs for premiums, deductibles, copays, and other out-of-pocket costs that have caused such a crisis for tens of millions of people
- Ensure genuine patient choice of any doctor, hospital, clinic, or other provider a patient chooses without the restrictions imposed by private insurers
- Sharply reduce the cost of prescription drugs by authorizing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices

as most of the rest of the world does

- Protect the ability of service veterans to continue to receive their specialized care through the Veterans Administration if they choose, and Native Americans to receive their medical benefits through the Indian Health Service if they choose; and

**WHEREAS** nearly all U.S. residents and businesses would spend less, and usually far less, under a Medicare for All program, such as H.R. 1384, than they do today for health coverage and medical, dental, vision, and other care; and

**WHEREAS** , various studies, both conservative and progressive, have estimated that the U.S. would save from \$2 trillion to \$5 trillion over 10 years over what our country is projected to spend under the current system, due to massive savings in administration costs, lower prescription drug prices, and improved efficiency through a uniform payment system with global budgeting - without the waste for billing, marketing, profit-taking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Medicare for All Act, H.R. 1384, would establish a system of public financing that retains the private provider system with real patient choice and greater transparency on how our public dollars are spent; and

**WHEREAS** public opinion polls show up to 70 percent public support for a Medicare for All/single-payer health care system and for the government to guarantee health care for all people living in the United States; and

**WHEREAS** the Medicare for All Act, H.R. 1384, would establish peace of mind for everyone, relieving worry about medical bills and access to needed care through a humane system based on patient need, not ability to pay

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cook County affirms that health care is a human right that should be guaranteed to all U.S. residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Cook County endorses H.R. 1384, the Medicare for All Act that will expand health coverage and health security, eliminate health disparities, and lower health care costs for all of our community residents.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to recommend for approval 19-3838. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3135](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Griselda Vega Samuel

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Commission for Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020 decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10 years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to recommend for approval 19-3135. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3136](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Lawrence Benito

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Commission for Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020 decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10

years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for receiving and filing 19-3136. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3137](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Sean C. Garrett

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Commission for Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 19-3137. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3138](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Barbara Lumpkin

**Position:** Member



**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Commission for Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 19-3138. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3139](#)

**Presented by:** DENNIS DEER, County Commissioner

#### **PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Commissioner Luis Arroyo Jr.

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Commission for Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020 decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10 years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for receiving and filing 19-3139. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3140](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Commissioner Alma E. Anaya

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Commission for Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020 decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10 years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for receiving and filing 19-3140. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3626](#)

**Presented by:** STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Johnny Wilbon

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Commission for Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020 decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10

years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to recommend for approval 19-3626. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3627](#)

**Presented by:** STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

#### **PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Lamell McMorris

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Commission for Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020 decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10 years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to recommend for approval 19-3627. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3628](#)

**Presented by:** STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

#### **PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Dr. Marlon E. Everett

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Commission for Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020 decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10 years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to recommend for approval 19-3628. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3642](#)

**Presented by:** DENNIS DEER, County Commissioner

#### **PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Patrice Ford

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Committee of Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020 decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10 years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 19-3642. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3643](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Senator Kimberly A. Lightford

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Commission of Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate”

**Expiration date:** Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020 decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10 years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 19-3643. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3644](#)

**Presented by:** DENNIS DEER, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Phyllis Logan

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Commission of Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020

decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10 years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to recommend for approval 19-3644. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-3646](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Jay Stewart

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Complete Count Census Commission of Cook County

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020 decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10 years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for receiving and filing 19-3646. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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Secretary

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