



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

Consent Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-6351

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, Cook County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. WILLIE WILSON FOR THE CREATION OF A JOINT PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVE TO PAY THE BOND FOR NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS AND SUPPORT THEIR REINTEGRATION INTO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Dr. Willie Wilson grew up in Louisiana and moved to Chicago in 1965, where he went to work for McDonald's Corporation and ultimately began to build a multi-million dollar business; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson is an outstanding mentor for Cook County citizens, as he has for years been among the top philanthropists in Chicago and lifted himself out of poverty to build his business; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson bailed out six non-violent detainees from the Cook County Jail in September of 2016; and,

WHEREAS, those six individuals were being held for minor offenses and could not make bail, meaning they would have remained in the Cook County Jail until their trial ended; and,

WHEREAS, in November of 2016, Dr. Wilson plans to use \$50,000 of his own money to bail out non-violent offenders so they will be able to spend this Thanksgiving with their families; and,

WHEREAS, this is the latest in a long line of philanthropic efforts Dr. Wilson has made to improve life for Chicagoans and residents of Cook County; and,

WHEREAS, Cook County Corrections facilities currently hold about 300 inmates who are only incarcerated because they cannot afford to pay their bond; and,

WHEREAS, the bond amount for the aforementioned individuals is \$1,000.00 or less; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 55 percent of these individuals are currently being held on misdemeanor charges that carry a maximum imprisonment penalty of 364 days in a County Detention Facility; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson's selfless act in September of 2016 has saved taxpayers thousands of dollars, and his similarly planned initiative for Thanksgiving will save much more; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners applauds Dr. Wilson's efforts, and his actions have sparked a real debate about reforming the monetary bail system in Illinois.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the President of the Cook County Board and the Cook County Board of Commissioners honor the efforts of Dr. Willie Wilson to mitigate the worst impacts of excessive bail bond fees; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Cook County Board and the Board of Commissioners encourage continued discussion around the public policy goal of bail reform for non-violent detainees.

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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE OFFICER JASON GALLERO

WHEREAS, Members of Cook County Board and the Cook County Sheriff were deeply saddened to hear of the untimely death of Sheriff's Police Officer Jason Gallero, (Star #684), who passed away in the line of duty on Thursday, September 15th, 2016, after an exemplary 22-year career with the Cook County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gallero was the devoted father to his daughter Alyssa Gallero, a cherished son to Asteria Gallero, and beloved by his sister, Marjorie Gallero, his brother, Sean Michael Gallero, his sister-in-law, Petra Bachmaier, and adored by countless other family members, friends, and fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gallero joined the Cook County Sheriff's Office as a Correctional Officer in 1994, where he served dutifully until becoming a member of the Sheriff's Police Department in 2002; and

WHEREAS, due to his professionalism and work ethic, Officer Gallero was selected for an assignment at the Cook County Sheriff's Training Academy, to train recruits from agencies throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gallero proved to be a distinguished instructor for the Training Academy, and was well-respected by hundreds of cadets from the Sheriff's Office and agencies across Cook County who were trained to be law enforcement officers during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, due to dedication to public safety, Officer Gallero joined the elite Hostage and Barricade Team of the Sheriff's Police Department in 2015, and provided critical, specialized support to law enforcement agencies throughout Cook County when dangerous and challenging scenarios arise involving individuals and victims in crisis; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gallero was beloved and admired by his colleagues throughout the Sheriff's Office and by members of the law enforcement community, and his service to Cook County will have a lasting impact for years to come; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, assembled on this 26th day of October, 2016, do hereby honor the life and sacrifice of Sheriff's Police Officer Jason Gallero, and extend our deepest sympathies to his family, loved ones, and fellow officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Officer Jason Gallero as an expression of our sincere gratitude for his life of service to the men and women of Cook County.

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MICHAEL IVERS

WHEREAS, Michael Ivers, passionate and tireless advocate for the poor, former Catholic priest, Chicago Housing Authority Board Commissioner and beloved community leader died at the age of sixty-nine on October 24, 2016 leaving behind countless friends, family and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS Ivers was born and grew up on the South Side of Chicago. He was a lifelong Catholic and attended Catholic grammar school and later attended what was then Quigley Preparatory Seminary South. He continued seminary studies and later earned an undergraduate degree at DePaul University in Chicago. He studied at Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary and the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans; he spent over twenty seven years as a Catholic priest; and

WHEREAS, Michael Ivers served as pastor at several West Side churches during his twenty-seven years as a priest for the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago. He spent his active ministry teaching at Quigley and in Chicago's African-American community, especially as Pastor of Saint Agatha Church in North Lawndale. He was a much loved priest and assiduous advocate for the community. He organized efforts to combat gangs and helped run the country's first scattered-site resident management organization. He fed homeless people every Sunday, lobbied in Springfield for legislation and conducted a gang intervention program causing some gang members to put a contract out to kill him; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his pastoral duties Michel Ivers also became a well-respected leader in the broader community. He chaired the advisory board of the Fantus Health Center, part of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System and was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley to serve as a Commissioner on the Chicago Housing Authority Board. While at the CHA he oversaw the demolition of CHA high-rises and the emergence of scattered-site housing. Later, Mayor Rahm Emanuel appointed him a commissioner of Chicago's Zoning Board of Appeals. He was tapped by Cardinal Bernadin to serve on the Archdiocesan Priest Placement Board, assisting in the placement of 750 priests with positions in parishes. With Commonwealth Edison he co-founded Look to the Future, an organization with a mission to paint the homes of the elderly and disabled in nineteen communities. He played a key role in the creation of United Power for Action and Justice, a non-partisan community organization composed of 40 religious congregations, not-for-profit groups, hospitals, health centers and civic organizations from across Cook County. He chaired the Lawndale Conservation Council and served as president of Goodcity where he focused his energy on building relationships among people, churches, organizations and civic entities to build a better Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Michael Ivers was involved for years in the annual Cusp Conferences in Chicago. Cusp Conference is an annual gathering of thinkers, innovators, creators, visionaries and explorers from the arts, sciences, technology, business and design. He was often the keynote or kickoff speaker and had the distinction of being the only presenter regularly invited back year after year; and

WHEREAS, Michael Ivers' exceptional abilities were regularly recognized and honored. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International in 1999 and in 2000 was named the Distinguished Fellow of Leadership Greater Chicago. He received the Award of Excellence from Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas for being the "Prophet of Non-profits" and was the 2009 Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cook County Spirit Award recipient; and

WHEREAS, Michael Ivers decided to leave the priesthood in 2001 but never lost his connection to the church or desire to advocate for the common good. In 2002, he married Dr. Greta Ivers, his best friend and partner in social justice. The two moved to Yuma in 2011. In Arizona he served as President and CEO of the Yuma Community Food Bank and served on the Board of the Yuma Area Non-Profit Institute and on the Board of advisors of Catholic Community Services; and

WHEREAS, Greta and Michael Ivers recently moved to Hawaii to continue their journey together in medicine and social justice; and

WHEREAS, the community has lost a great friend and advocate in Michael Ivers and he will be deeply missed. His loss will be felt most acutely by his beloved wife Greta, his mother, Loretta Ivers; sisters Anne Palmisano and Ruth Parrott; brothers James and Paul; stepsons Maurice France and David Hayes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Michael Ivers, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Michael Ivers.