



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

Consent Agenda

Thursday, July 20, 2023, 10:00 AM

Third Set

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Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE VISIT OF MAYOR OF OSAKA, JAPAN HIDEYUKI YOKOYAMA AND DELEGATION IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH SISTER CITY ANNIVERSARY OF OSAKA AND CHICAGO

WHEREAS, Mayor of Osaka Hideyuki Yokoyama was elected as Mayor in April 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hideyuki Yokoyama is leading a delegation to Chicago in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Chicago and Osaka being named sister cities; and

WHEREAS, the historic partnership between Osaka and Chicago was established as part of the Chicago Sister Cities International program in 1973 to acknowledge the shared goals of the two cities; and

WHEREAS, there is a long, rich history of collaboration between the cities of Osaka and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hideyuki Yokoyama brings a wealth of experience to his role including serving in a elected position for over a decade in the Osaka Prefectural Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this visit will offer a vital opportunity to share knowledge and strengthen the relationship between Japanese and Cook County partners; and

WHEREAS, during this visit the Mayor of Osaka and delegation will commemorate the 50th Sister City Anniversary of Osaka and Chicago with a meeting with the Mayor of Chicago Brandon Johnson and a joint declaration; and

WHEREAS, during this visit the Mayor of Osaka and delegation will participate in a seminar with technology incubator 1871; and

WHEREAS, during this visit the Mayor of Osaka and delegation will participate in a tree planting in the Osaka Gardens in Jackson Park and will throw out a first pitch at a Chicago Cubs game; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Morita is proud to have the official residence for the Consul General of Japan in the 13th District in Evanston; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Morita and the entire Board of Commissioners look forward to the important exchange of ideas and celebration of partnership; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby

welcome Mayor of Osaka Hideyuki Yokoyama and the entire delegation to Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor Hideyuki Yokoyama.

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Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY and TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING THE COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT SOFTBALL TEAM 2023
GRANT PARK CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

WHEREAS, the 2023 Cook County Softball team participated in its first official league play since the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Softball team resumed its dominant run of league play after a four year hiatus since winning its last championship in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Softball team joined its new league competing against the following softball teams; Mesirow, Old Stylin, Euromonitor, S&L Turbinators, and BP Fighting Tunas

WHEREAS, the Cook County Softball navigated its new league and multiple rescheduled games due to scheduling conflicts and NASCAR in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, undeterred, the Cook County Softball team finished its regular season with five (5) wins and one (1) loss while securing the number one (1) seed for the playoffs and earning a first-round bye; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Softball team avenged its only loss of the season defeating Euromonitor in dominating fashion, 12-5, in the semifinals; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Softball team won the championship game, continuing its slow-pitch softball dominance, by defeating Old Stylin, 13-3, to become the 2023 Grant Park Co-Ed Softball League Champions; and

WHEREAS, the team's tenacity, determination, and peak Cook County athletic ability led to an impressive return to in-person, slow-pitch softball, a Chicago community staple; and

WHEREAS, more importantly, the team's camaraderie displayed a great example of the community amongst Cook County employees and served as an example of an active and fun after-hours activity for coworkers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, President Toni Preckwinkle, and the Cook County Board

of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby express congratulations to the members of the Cook County Softball team for its impressive 2023 season capped by winning the 2023 Grant Park Co-Ed Softball League Championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President and Board of Commissioners recognize the following offices for contributing players to the team: the Office of the President, the Secretary to the Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, the office of Commissioner Alma Anaya, the office of Commissioner Frank Aguilar, the Office of Commissioner Bill Lowry, the Office of Commissioner Stanley Moore, The Office of the Chief Judge, the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney, the Office of the Cook County Historian, the Justice Advisory Council, the Office of the Medical Examiner, the Bureau of Administration, the Department of Transportation and Highways, and several retired Cook County employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution is presented to the following team members to commemorate their contributions to the team's success; Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle (team sponsor), Christopher Adas, Alma Anaya, Michilla Blasé, Angelo Calalang, Scottie Calderon, Gideon Charles, Avik Das, Gillian DeLeon, Matt DeLeon, Remic Enswiler, Michael Gamboney, Michelle Gan, Jake Gillespie, Jackson Gitterle, Kimberly Holley, Damon Howell, Alexis Jenkins, Enrique Lopez, Julien Russell, Andrew Tonachel, Rudy Urian (Retiree), La'Mont R. Williams, Aldine Wilson, and April Zaber;