



**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

Second Set

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Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MARK JOHNSON, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Mark Johnson from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Mark Johnson was the loving husband of Sandra Mims; and

WHEREAS, Mark Johnson was the loving father of Lamarte Johnson, Lamar Johnson, and Lamarc Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mark Johnson was the fond brother, uncle, cousin, and loyal friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Mark Johnson served Cook County's youth at Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC, Inc.) Reporting Center; and

WHEREAS, Mark Johnson set a standard of care that is immeasurable to the youth he served and touched; and

WHEREAS, Mark Johnson was a gentle giant and had worked for numerous behavioral health organizations; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Mark Johnson was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mark Johnson and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Mark Johnson so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[23-4134](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of August is National Immunization Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, national immunization month calls attention to the importance of getting advised immunizations throughout your lifetime; and

WHEREAS, National Immunization Awareness Month was established by the National Public Health Information Coalition in 2013; and

WHEREAS, being vaccinated protects oneself and all those around them, including friends and family. Overlooking the need to be vaccinated puts everyone at risk, and is not only extremely dangerous, but can have life-changing effects without contracting the diseases that vaccines are made to prevent;

WHEREAS, a childhood vaccination is the process whereby a person is made immune or becomes resistant to certain infections or diseases. There are many common vaccinations used on children, such as Hepatitis B, Tetanus, whooping cough, measles, mumps, chicken pox, and influenza shots; and

WHEREAS, most students begin their school year in August the CDC urges parents and guardians that immunizations required for students are up to date; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of public health states “Illinois requires students to have proof of immunization to enter school. If the form is not received by October 15th, the child will be excluded from school until they can prove they received the required immunizations unless the child has a valid medical or religious exemption.”; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention In 2021, 4 million deaths worldwide are prevented by childhood vaccination every year in 2021, global immunization coverage for infants dropped to 81%, which is the lowest rate in over a decade; and

WHEREAS, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health, 61.52% of youth residing in Cook County have administered at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Public Health also issues for Covid-19 that the Illinois Population, 5 years old and above is 83.3%, with at least 1 dose administered. On the other hand, those who have completed the primary series totaling up to 75.4% five years old and above; and

WHEREAS, the Vaccines for Children program offers vaccines at no cost for eligible children through doctors enrolled in the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.173 million residents of Cook County, acknowledge the importance of being vaccinated as it relates to Covid-19 and other infectious diseases, and works towards the active push for immunization for everybody; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also aim to help people stay informed by keeping up to date with their shots and immunizations, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and of those who stand witness to this resolution in recognition of National Immunization Awareness Month.

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Sponsored by: MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE

WHEREAS, Norridge was incorporated, by referendum, on December 4, 1948 receiving 578 for and 195 against with a population of 1,675; and

WHEREAS, the name “Norridge” came from combining the “Nor” of Norwood Park Township and the “Ridge” of the nearby suburb of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Norridge is uniquely named as there is no other place in the world that shares the same name; and

WHEREAS, Norridge doubled its size in 1954 when it annexed the area between Montrose Ave. and Lawrence Ave, and also additional annexations north to Foster Ave., west to Dee Road and east to Sayer Ave; and

WHEREAS, three public school districts serve the village, offering quality education from pre-kindergarten through high school; and

WHEREAS, Norridge is a wonderful community for families to live boasting many different activities including football and baseball leagues;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the Village of Norridge for its 75 years of history.

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Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

GEORGE P. MITCHELL, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, transitioned from this life to the next on June 24, 2023 surrounded by family and friends; and

WHEREAS, George was a loving and devoted husband to Patricia who sadly preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, George was a cherished father to Byron and Lisa; and

WHEREAS, he was an adored grandfather to Trinity, Andrew and Jaden; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving brother to Joseph (Cheryl), a sister, Carmeryl (Bob) and another brother, Gregory and was loved by many cousins, nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, George, born on Nov. 5, 1943, was an Evanston/Skokie resident for many decades; and

WHEREAS, he worked for Commonwealth Edison for over a quarter century, ascending to several director-level positions before retirement; and

WHEREAS, his career of service began after retirement, as he became more active with the Episcopal Church, Skokie Caucus Party (many committees/commissions), the Chicago School of Professional Psychology (life trustee and past president) and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Evanston Alumni Chapter (past polemarch, or senior officer); and

WHEREAS, George played a crucial leadership in role in his local NAACP chapter. He served as President of the Evanston/North Shore NAACP and President of the Illinois; and

WHEREAS, George served on the Village of Skokie Plan Commission with Commissioner Josina Morita; and

WHEREAS, George had a deep commitment to his community and fought for equality in all spaces he served; and

WHEREAS, he will be missed dearly by friends and family; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer our deepest condolences to the family of George P. Mitchell; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of George P. Mitchell.

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Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MELVIN JORDAN, JR., IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, transitioned from this life to the next on Friday July 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Melvin was a cherished father to Melvin Jordan, III and Mecole McBride (Shon); and

WHEREAS, he was an adored grandfather to Janyra Jordan and Micaela Jordan; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving family member and friend to nieces, nephews, and many more; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by His parents Melvin Jordan, Sr., Imogene Jordan, and Enola Strickland; One sister - Conchita Carstens; and One nephew - Julian Smith; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Jordan, Jr., affectionately known to family as Mickey, was born May 13, 1951, in Chicago, IL, to Melvin Jordan, Sr. and Imogene Jordan. Imogene was called home while Melvin was an infant and Enola Strickland lovingly raised Melvin as her own child; and

WHEREAS, Melvin attended Parker High School on the south side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, after high school, he trained to become a plumber and one of his first jobs was at Robinson Plumbing Co. - a Black-owned plumbing business; and

WHEREAS, Melvin was active in civil rights activities in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Melvin met and married Myra Beals (Jordan) and to that union was born two children;

WHEREAS, while together, he established his knowledge of and relationship with Christ at the Ambassadors For Christ Church; and

WHEREAS, Melvin was an avid reader and enjoyed reading novels of all kinds; and

WHEREAS, he also enjoyed good music (especially the Temptations, the Stylistics, and Earth, Wind, and Fire) and the company of friends and family when he could laugh and tell some good stories; and

WHEREAS, he loved his family deeply and would express his love through a random call or text, being a

listening ear, giving advice, or providing other assistance where he could; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer our deepest condolences to the family of Melvin Jordan, Jr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Melvin Jordan, Jr.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING PRECIOUS BRADY-DAVIS ON HER APPOINTMENT AS A COMMISSIONER FOR THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

WHEREAS, Precious Brady-Davis was appointed as Commissioner to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in July 2023; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Brady-Davis is the first Black, transgender woman appointed to public office in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Brady-Davis is the first transgender person to serve on a water reclamation board in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Brady-Davis will make decisions on land use and conservation, stormwater and wastewater management, and green infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Precious Brady-Davis is a dedicated climate activist including serving as a communications director at Sierra Club; and

WHEREAS, Precious Brady-Davis has been a longtime LGBTQ+ leader and activist; and

WHEREAS, Precious Brady-Davis launched and led a Centers for Disease Control HIV Prevention program at Center On Halsted, a LGBTQ+ center in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Precious Brady-Davis wrote a bestselling book, *I Have Always Been Me*, detailing her life as a Black, trans woman; and

WHEREAS, Precious Brady-Davis is a loving and dedicated spouse to Myles Brady-Davis and parent to two beautiful children; and

WHEREAS, Precious Brady-Davis is paving an inspiring and groundbreaking path in making history with her appointment; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer our congratulations to Precious Brady-Davis on her historic appointment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Precious Brady-Davis.

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Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AUGUST 7, 2023 AS ASSYRIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEREAS, Assyrians, an ethnic minority group, are the indigenous people of Mesopotamia and have lived in the Middle East since ancient time, including in what is today Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Syria; and

WHEREAS, between 1914 and 1923, the Assyrian Genocide occurred; during this time, the Ottoman Empire murdered over 300,000 Assyrian men, women, and children by methods that included mass executions, death marches, torture, and starvation; and

WHEREAS, during the Assyrian Genocide, also known as the Seyfo Genocide, the Ottoman Turks and their Kurdish allies also systematically raped and enslaved Assyrian women and girls, forced the Assyrians from their ancestral lands, and pillaged and destroyed their communities; and

WHEREAS, the killing of over two million Armenians, Assyrians, Greeks, Christians, and other religious minority populations represented the culmination of a series of violent persecutions dating back to the late 1800's; and

WHEREAS, the year 2023 marks the 108th anniversary of the Armenian, Assyrian, and Greek genocides of 1915; these genocides were part of the planned eradication of those indigenous communities by the Ottoman Turkish Empire; yet, to this day, Turkey has still not recognized these genocides; and

WHEREAS, August 7, 1933 is recognized by the International Association of Genocide Scholars as the date on which as many as 6,000 Assyrians were killed at the orders of the Iraqi government in an event known as the Simele Massacre; this massacre continued the legacy of persecution exemplified by the 1915 Assyrian Genocide; and

WHEREAS, August 7th, globally observed by Assyrian community as Assyrian Remembrance Day, is in remembrance of the Simele Massacre and of all persecution the Assyrian people have faced as a result of their distinct and ancient ethnic and religious identity; and

WHEREAS, the persecution against Assyrians continues until this day in their ancestral homeland, where they are continually targeted for persecution by state and non-state actors such as the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Iraq, the Kurdistan Regional Government, and the so called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant or ISIL; and

WHEREAS, ISIL has persistently destroyed culturally and historically significant locations and items, including UNESCO world heritage sites such as the ancient Assyrian city of Nimrud; and

WHEREAS, the United states House of Representatives and United States Senate concurrently resolved that “the atrocities perpetrated by ISIL against Christians, Yezidis, and other religious and ethnic minorities in Iraq and Syria constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide”; and

WHEREAS, the denial of genocide is widely recognized as the final stage of genocide; this denial maintains impunity for the perpetrators of these atrocities and demonstrably paves the way for future genocides; and

WHEREAS, the resilience and endurance of the Assyrian people, despite being victims of a genocide that the Islamic State continues to perpetuate to this day, is commendable and praiseworthy; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the 13th District is home to one of the largest Assyrian American communities in the country; and

WHEREAS, the 13th District is home to many Assyrian American community and religious organizations and some of the first Assyrian American elected officials elected in Illinois; 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 recognize the Simele Massacre of 1933 as a genocide and reprehensible crime against humanity and honors the memory of all those Assyrians who have fallen victim to genocide and mass atrocities and also recognize August 7, 2023 as Assyrian Remembrance Day.

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 same be tendered to The Assyrian Policy Institute and The Assyrian National Council of Illinois.

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Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 75TH BIRTHDAY OF PAUL LUKE

WHEREAS, Paul Luke turns 75 in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Paul Luke is a longtime resident; and

WHEREAS, Paul moved to Skokie in 1973 with 2023 marking 50 years residing in the Village; and

WHEREAS, Paul has been a consistent and dedicated community member participating in many community events and activities; and

WHEREAS, Paul has been a leader in the community serving as the Chair of the Skokie Plan Commission and serving as a vital voice on zoning and planning matters; and

WHEREAS, Paul is a recognized Asian American leader in the Skokie community and is an avid volunteer at community events including the annual Skokie 4th of July Parade

WHEREAS, Paul is a proud father to Brian, Michelle, and Kathy; and

WHEREAS, Paul is the honorary "Gong-Gong" (grandfather) to Commissioner Morita's children Kai and Meiko; and

WHEREAS, you can sometimes catch Paul at some of his favorite local spots including Village Inn, the Pita Inn, and Tim Tub Thai; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer our best birthday wishes in celebration of his 75th Birthday and wish him many more happy birthdays to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Paul Luke.