



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

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, February 5, 2026, 11:00 AM**

**Consent Meeting - Issued on: 1/30/2026**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

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**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability (“DES”) to foster healthy, resilient and thriving communities by improving the quality of life, protecting the environment and promoting sustainability and environmental justice throughout Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, DES develops and implements innovative programs that address climate change, pollution prevention and community engagement, while cultivating partnerships with residents, municipalities and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Resiliency Planning for Communities Program and the Businesses Reducing

Impact to the Environment (“BRITE”) Program are two DES initiatives funded, in whole or in part, with Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocated to Cook County pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2) (“ARPA”), and are designed to respond to the negative economic and public health impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, including investment in environmental resilience, pollution prevention and sustainable economic recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Resiliency Planning for Communities Program is a DES-managed initiative that supports municipalities and community partners in preparing for and adapting to the impacts of climate change, including extreme heat, flooding and other climate-related hazards, through data-driven planning, robust community engagement and practical implementation strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, public engagement for the Climate Resiliency Planning for Communities Program included approximately 90 separate engagement sessions, resulting in valuable feedback from more than 1,025 participants that helped define community-driven goals, priorities and recommendations for the municipalities of Bellwood, Franklin Park, Justice, Lynwood and Markham; and

**WHEREAS**, the public engagement strategy for the Climate Resiliency Planning for Communities Program was led by Metro Strategies Group, serving as the subcontractor responsible for engagement activities, in collaboration with Geosyntec and ICF, under the overall management of DES; and

**WHEREAS**, the Publicity Club of Chicago, a professional organization that recognizes excellence in communications, marketing and public relations work throughout the Midwest, conducts the annual Golden Trumpet Awards program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Resiliency Planning for Communities Program received a Golden Trumpet Award in the Community Relations category, which includes communications programs that seek to serve, educate, enlighten or influence specific communities, and was further selected as one of ten finalists for the Platinum Trumpet Award; and

**WHEREAS**, the BRITE Program is a DES initiative that assists businesses in reducing waste, conserving energy and water, preventing pollution and improving environmental performance through technical assistance, education and voluntary pollution prevention practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the BRITE Program promotes economic efficiency while reducing environmental impacts, supporting sustainable business practices and contributing to improved air, land and water quality across Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, as of July 2025, the BRITE Program had assessed over 65 small businesses in heavy polluting industries (dry cleaners, auto body and repair shops, food and beverage manufacturers, metal finishers and metal fabricators) and offered more than \$3.8 million in grants, achieving estimated reductions of 5,576,252 kWh of electrical energy use, 600,526 therms of heat energy, 6,906 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, 17,312 pounds of hazardous materials, and 6,664 gallons of fuel, saving these businesses approximately \$1,075,337.00 and reducing risks to health and the environment in Cook County

workplaces and neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (“NPPR”) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing pollution prevention and sustainability through collaboration, innovation and recognition of exemplary programs; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the BRITE Program’s effectiveness and innovation, DES has been awarded the NPPR 2025 Most Valuable Pollution Prevention (“MVP2”) Multimedia Award; and

**WHEREAS**, these awards reflect the dedication, expertise and leadership of DES staff and partners, and highlight Cook County’s commitment to environmental sustainability, climate resilience and community-centered solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate for the Cook County Board of Commissioners to formally accept these awards and recognize the accomplishments of DES.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept, on behalf of Cook County, the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability, and its program partners:

1. The 67th Annual Golden Trumpet Award for Excellence in the Community Relations Category awarded for the Climate Resiliency Planning for Communities Program; and
2. The National Pollution Prevention Roundtable 2025 MVP2 Multimedia Award awarded for the Businesses Reducing Impact to the Environment (“BRITE”) Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends DES for its outstanding achievements, leadership and continued commitment to advancing environmental protection, sustainability and climate resilience for the residents and communities of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability in recognition of these honors.

26-0700

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR and JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING LET'S BOOGIE RECORDS & TAPES ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Let's Boogie Records & Tapes, located at 3321 South Halsted Street, will celebrate in March of 2026 a milestone, 50 years as a neighborhood music landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, Let's Boogie has preserved the joy of discovering music in person, new and vintage vinyl, rock artifacts and 8-tracks across all genres; and

**WHEREAS**, Neal Keller dreamt of entering the record business during his time working for the State of Illinois and before starting a family; and

**WHEREAS**, Neal Keller and his wife Sandy brought that dream to life in 1976 by opening their own record shop; and

**WHEREAS**, Neal Keller and his wife Sandy faithfully operated the store six days a week, serving the community, making a welcoming space for neighbors to gather and friendships to be built; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason Keller, their son, spent many Saturdays in the shop throughout his grade school, junior high, and high school years, where he developed a lasting love for music and a deep appreciation for the independent record store tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 when Neal Keller closed the shop due to illness, Jason Keller, with the support of his sister Sarah and his brother-in-law, Phil Lesnik, took over the business; and

**WHEREAS**, the store remained closed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and reopened in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, while the storefront was temporarily closed due to the pandemic, many found comfort in music at home that sparked an interest in record collecting, whether it was by mail or online; and

**WHEREAS**, both Jason Keller and Phil Lesnik maintained the brick-and-mortar store and continue to honor Neal Keller and his wife's legacy making it a place to gather, discover new sounds, and experience the joy of music; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Let's Boogie Records & Tapes on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Keller family and Phil Lesnik to commemorate this joyous occasion.

26-0684

**Sponsored by:** BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CELEBRATING NATIONAL RELIGION DAY AND AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSION, UNDERSTANDING, AND MUTUAL RESPECT**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is one of the most diverse counties in the United States, home to residents who practice a wide array of religious traditions and spiritual beliefs, as well as those who identify as nonreligious; and

**WHEREAS**, National Religion Day provides an opportunity to recognize the vital role that religious and spiritual traditions play in the lives of individuals, families, and communities, and the positive contributions they make to the cultural, social, and civic fabric of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, faith communities across Cook County have long served as centers for service, charity, education, advocacy, and community-building, offering support to those in need and fostering a spirit of compassion and responsibility for the common good; and

**WHEREAS**, in a diverse and pluralistic society, inclusion and understanding among people of different religious traditions, beliefs, and backgrounds are essential to strengthening democracy, promoting social cohesion, and ensuring that all residents feel valued and respected; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County affirms that religious freedom, inclusion, and mutual respect are foundational principles that allow individuals to live according to their beliefs while honoring the rights and dignity of others; and

**WHEREAS**, promoting interfaith dialogue, education, and cooperation helps reduce prejudice and misunderstanding, builds trust across communities, and advances a more just and equitable society for all; and

**WHEREAS**, this body recognizes the importance of acknowledging and celebrating religious diversity while reaffirming Cook County's commitment to inclusion, understanding, and respect for people of all faiths and beliefs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby celebrates National Religion Day and recognizes the many religious and spiritual traditions that enrich the

lives of Cook County residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its commitment to inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect among people of all religions, beliefs, and backgrounds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution encourages residents to engage in learning, dialogue, and cooperation across religious and cultural lines in the shared pursuit of peace, equity, and the common good.

26-0726

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS AMERICAN HEART MONTH AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 5TH, 2026 AS GO RED DAY IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the month of February is recognized as American Heart Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual celebration began in 1963 to encourage Americans to join the battle against heart disease and each year a presidential proclamation pays tribute to researchers, physicians, public health professionals and volunteers for their tireless efforts in preventing, treating, and researching heart disease; and

**WHEREAS**, heart disease (including coronary heart disease, hypertension, and stroke) remains the No. 1 cause of death for men, women, and people of most racial and ethnic groups in the United States and cardiovascular diseases claim more lives each year than all forms of cancer and chronic lower respiratory disease combined accounting for 1 in every 4 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, heart disease is the leading cause of death in Cook County as well, accounting for 9,690 deaths in 2023 of that, 4,690 were in the City of Chicago and 5,000 were in suburban Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the estimated annual incidence of heart attack in the United States is 805,000 new attacks, 605,000 are first attacks and 200,000 are recurrent attacks with Americans suffering a heart attack approximately every 34 seconds; and

**WHEREAS**, although some progress has been made, it's important to make sure all Americans have access to quality care and as a country we should continue to focus on "Life's Simple 7," which refers to the American Heart Association's seven goals of eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, avoiding excess weight, not smoking, and keeping blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar within a healthy range; and

**WHEREAS**, although heart disease is the leading cause of death for all Americans, disparities exist with nearly half of all non-Hispanic black adults having some form of cardiovascular disease: 47 percent of females and 46 percent of males; and

**WHEREAS**, by 2035, more than 130 million adults, or 45.1% of the U.S. population, are projected to have some form of cardiovascular disease and total costs of CVD are expected to reach \$1.1 trillion in 2035, with direct medical costs projected to reach \$748.7 billion and indirect costs estimated to reach \$368 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, hospitals and health systems around the country celebrate American Heart Month by helping to raise awareness in their communities about heart disease, with staff wearing red and volunteers knitting or crocheting pint-sized red hats for newborns, as well as holding free screenings and heart health awareness events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners approved a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Donna Miller creating a virtual “hands only” CPR & AED training with our partners from American Heart Association as part of the on-boarding process for new employees, and which is available to all county employees providing the knowledge needed so we can eliminate one of the barriers to not being able to survive a heart attack; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the “Bystander Effect” statistics that is especially concerning is that African Americans and Hispanics are 30-50% less likely to have bystander CPR performed if they suffer an incident and compared to white children, bystander CPR was 41% less likely for black children, 22% less likely for Hispanics and 6% less likely for other ethnic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, women are also less likely to receive bystander CPR because people fear accusations of inappropriate touching, sexual assault, or injuring the person, with only 39% of women receiving bystander CPR in public compared to 45% of men and men’s chances of surviving a cardiac event are 23% higher than women; and

**WHEREAS**, data shows that CPR initiated by a bystander can nearly double or triple the chance of survival from cardiac arrest and the 2026 Heart Month theme focuses on “Be the Help Until Help Arrives,” aiming to ignite a lifesaving movement by training communities in Hands-Only CPR; and

**WHEREAS**, a survey conducted in 2023 by the American Heart Association suggests that increased visibility of the need for CPR has had a positive impact on someone’s willingness to respond if they are bystanders in a cardiac emergency; however, although 35% of respondents have the confidence to perform CPR when needed, an increase from 30% in 2021, only 39% of those surveyed are familiar with conventional CPR and only 23% with Hands-Only CPR and fewer than half of people suffering out-of-hospital cardiac arrest receive the immediate CPR they need before professional help arrives; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 90% of the 350,000 people who experience a cardiac arrest outside of the hospital each year will not survive; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of American Heart Month and heart health in Cook County and encourage all Cook County employees to take advantage of the Virtual CPR & AED training available on the County Human Resources Training platform;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge American Heart Month and officially recognizes February 2026 as Heart Month in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in conjunction with American Heart Month and in support of women's cardiovascular health, February 5th, 2026, shall be hereby declared "Go Red Day" in the County of Cook and encourages everyone to wear red on said day to create awareness of and in recognition of American Heart Month and women's cardiovascular health; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body in recognition of American Heart Month.