



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, July 29, 2015, 11:00 AM

15-4477

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF SAINT MARY PARISH CHURCH IN EVANSTON ON AUGUST 15th 2015 AND PROCLAIMING AUGUST 15, 2015 SAINT MARY DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2015 Saint Mary Parish in Evanston will celebrate its Sesquicentennial; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary Parish hosted the first Catholic Mass celebrated in Evanston on August 15, 1865 in the open air near what is now the present entry of Calvary Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary Parish was founded on August 15, 1865, on the day that honors the Assumption of Mary; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary Parish is the oldest Roman Catholic Parish in Evanston and was dedicated on May 15, 1892; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary's Church is located in the Historic Ridge District at the corner of Oak Avenue and Lake street in Evanston, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary's Church was designated an Evanston Preservation Landmark in 1975 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, March 3, 1983; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary's School was established in 1874 and merged with the school of Saint Nicholas Parish in 1986 to become Pope John XXIII School of Saint Mary and Saint Nicholas; Saint Mary School was run by the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters from its founding. Pope John XXIII has received the United States Department of Education - Blue Ribbon Award for its high standards and excellent academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, under the prayerful guidance of the Cardinal's Office for Divine Worship and the Parish Building and Renovation Committee, the church was renovated in 2004 to restore it to its former beauty and to address the needs of the rapidly growing parish; and

WHEREAS, as Saint Mary's celebrate its 150th year, its motto is: "Celebrating 150 Years of Faith and Service"; and

WHEREAS, the faith community of Saint Mary continues to thrive under the leadership of Reverend Gregory S. Sakowicz, Pastor, Reverend Anthony A. Joseph, Associate Pastor and Deacon Dennis Robak; 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 takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the

150th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary Parish in Evanston expresses its sincere gratitude for the contributions the church has made to the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that August 15, 2015 be proclaimed Saint Mary Day in Cook County; 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 Saint Mary Catholic Church.

15-4664

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING JAN KRALOVEC, COOK COUNTY DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, after receiving her Master’s degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan and her Master’s degree from the University of Chicago in Social Policy Jan Kralovec brought her abundant talents to Cook County, first, working alongside Dr. Quentin Young at the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group and then later to working for Cook County Board President Phelan whom she served as Senior Health Policy Analyst; and

WHEREAS, Jan Kralovec began her career at the Cook County Clerk’s Office on Valentine’s Day 1995; and

WHEREAS, Jan Kralovec worked on tax, vital records and ethics policy; she spent the greatest part of her time at the Cook County Clerk’s Office working tirelessly to insure that elections went smoothly and expanding the franchise; she worked her way up to Director of Elections; and

WHEREAS, Jan Kralovec will long be remembered for her remarkable accomplishments in the elections arena, which included playing a major role in Cook County’s implementation of the Help America Vote Act, the implementation of the Illinois Motor Voter law and Automatic Voter Registration; and

WHEREAS, one of the highlights of Jan Kralovec’s work on the implementation of the Help America Vote Act and fighting for the Motor Voter law in Illinois was meeting and getting to work with a bright young attorney named Barack Obama who later achieved some success in politics; and

WHEREAS, Jan Kralovec capped her career in Cook County by being named Deputy Cook County Clerk where her warmth, compassion, attention to detail and fairness have earned her the respect of co-workers, friends and the general public; and

WHEREAS, after her retirement Jan Kralovec will spend her additional time in pursuit of her lifelong passions; she is a longtime supporter of the arts, theater, outdoor activity and politics. She is a voracious reader and a book will undoubtedly accompany her on all of her travels around the world. Her first expeditions will include a six week west coast road trip, a trip to Cuba in winter and a 3-4 month excursion to Southeast Asia in the spring and early summer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the hard work, accomplishments and career of Jan Kralovec and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she 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 Jan Kralovec.

15-4665

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING BARBARA PRESSL ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS CHIEF OF STAFF FOR COOK COUNTY CLERK DAVID ORR

WHEREAS, Barbara Pressl has dutifully and tirelessly served the County of Cook for over three decades. In those years she served with great distinction and earned the respect and affection of her co-workers, many of whom also describe themselves as friends; and

WHEREAS, in July 2015 Barbara Pressl will retire as Chief of Staff for Cook County Clerk David Orr in order to focus her attention on her son and extended family; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Pressl began working for the Cook County Clerk's office in 1982. She left and worked the Cook County Treasurer's office for a period of time, but returned in 1998 to serve as Deputy Director of Real Estate and Taxes. Later, Barbara was promoted to Director of Taxes, where she served until she became Cook County Clerk, David Orr's Chief of Staff two years ago. At the announcement of her promotion David Orr spoke glowingly, and noted that "Barb Pressl has been an exceptional public servant for many years," and;

WHEREAS, Barbara Pressl's leadership helped modernize the property tax process in Cook County. Working with staff, she helped implement the changes necessary to make the property tax process more transparent and more accessible online; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Pressl has been lifelong resident of Cook County; she was raised in Skokie and graduated from Niles North High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Indiana State University and has done graduate studies in public administration at Northern Illinois University. Her wisdom and critical thinking made her an asset to the County, her pleasant demeanor and sense of humor made her a delightful colleague with whom to work, she will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Pressl fought through many difficult challenges armed with her wicked sense of humor and her grace, plus a cup of strong coffee and the prospect of a hot dog for lunch and a winning season for her favorite, oft challenged, Northside baseball team; 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 takes great pleasure in honoring Barbara Pressl on her retirement and herewith honors and thanks her for all that she has done bettering the lives of 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 Barbara Pressl on the occasion of her retirement as Chief of Staff for Cook County Clerk David Orr.

15-4666

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING JOSEPH C. SERPICO

WHEREAS, the Italian American Labor Council of Greater Chicago will honor Joseph C. Serpico as the 2015 Man of the Year on October 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Serpico was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1031, since his employment in 1965, at the Rauland Division of Zenith Electronics Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Serpico served our country as a member of the Armed Forces in 1968 and 1969 and was promoted to the rank of sergeant with eighteen months of service; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Serpico earned Labor and Electronics Certificates from Triton College, Central Texas College, Cornell University, and the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, as a member of Local 1031, I.B.E.W., Joseph Serpico held the position of Department Steward, Chief Steward, Secretary of the Executive Board, Business Representative, and from 1989-2005 President; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Serpico represented I.B.E.W. Local 1031 as a delegate to the International Convention, the I.B.E.W. State Conference, the Illinois State AFL-CIO, and the Chicago Federation of Labor; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Serpico joined Amalgamated Bank of Chicago in November 2005 as Vice President, Relationship Manager; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Serpico was an active member of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, Jobs for Justice, the Hispanic American Labor Council, and the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement. In 1998 he was elected President of the Italian American Labor Council where he served for four terms and is now a President Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Serpico is married to Carol, his wife of 45 years, and has two children, Joe and Tricia, and six grandchildren, Nicholas, Gianna, Marisa, Michael, Andrew, and Joey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Joseph C. Serpico on receiving the Italian American Labor Council 2015 Man of the Year Award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Joseph C. Serpico.

15-4677

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MAUREEN SLOSAR, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Maureen Slosar (nee McCormack) from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Slosar was the beloved wife of Paul Slosar; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Slosar was the loving mother of Dr. Paul Slosar, M.D. (Darlynn), Maggie Burke (Kevin), and Edward Slosar (Nadine); and

WHEREAS, Maureen Slosar was the cherished grandmother of Shane, Sydney, Cormac, Keiran, Mairead, Michaela, Emma, and Mara; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Slosar served as a teacher at Mendel Catholic High School, Owens Elementary School, Burbank District 111, and Christ the King Grammar School; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Slosar touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Maureen Slosar was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her 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 and many friends of Maureen Slosar, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

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

15-4678

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN CELEBRATION OF EDWARD MCELROY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Edward McElroy celebrated his 90th birthday on July 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Edward McElroy was born in Chicago on July 20, 1925 to Joseph and Elizabeth McElroy; and

WHEREAS, Edward McElroy is a Chicago institution, with a career in politics and reporting that spans over sixty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Edward McElroy grew up in Visitation Parish, where he served as an altar boy and was the captain of his baseball team; and

WHEREAS, Edward McElroy is the host of “Community in Focus” on Chicago Comcast Channel 19, and “The Ed McElroy Show” on Comcast Channel 19 in the suburbs; and

WHEREAS, Edward McElroy began his career in radio broadcasting in 1946 working with former White Sox broadcaster Bob Elson; and

WHEREAS, Edward McElroy is Past National Commander and Past State Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Edward McElroy was a dear friend of Mayor Richard J. Daley; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career in politics he has driven cardinals, ballplayers, and future presidents including John F. Kennedy and Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Ed McElroy founded Edward F. McElroy & Associates, a public relations firm; and

WHEREAS, Edward McElroy is a family man and cares deeply about his community and city; and

WHEREAS, all who know Edward McElroy loves him for his time and attention to relationships, his devotion to God, and his love of this city; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Edward McElroy on the celebration of his 90th birthday, 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 the Edward McElroy to commemorate this joyous occasion.

15-4679

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN CELEBRATION OF DE LA SALLE PRINCIPAL JIM KRYGIER’S RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, after a career that spanned fourteen years at De La Salle, Institute Campus for Young Men, Principal Jim Krygier has retired; and

WHEREAS, Jim Krygier began his tenure at De La Salle on July 1, 2001 after serving as Principal at Bloom Trail High School from 1994-2001; and

WHEREAS, Jim Krygier also served as a Director of vocational education and as Division Administrator for athletics, health, physical education, and driver's education at Bloom Trail for twenty-five years prior to that; and

WHEREAS, since it opened in 1889, De La Salle has educated students from all over the South Side, taking students from neighborhoods like Bridgeport, Bronzeville, and Back of the Yards; and

WHEREAS, De La Salle Institute is an independent Catholic secondary school rooted in the tradition of Christian education begun by St. John Baptist de La Salle; and

WHEREAS, Jim Krygier has served as an example of its mission by fostering a desire for excellence in education in the many students who have come through the school's doors during his tenure as Principal; and

WHEREAS, Jim Krygier will be remembered fondly for working closely with an excellent faculty, administrative team, and support staff; and

WHEREAS, all who know and worked with Jim Krygier will attest to his strong work ethic, moral character, and sincere interest in educating our youth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to Jim Krygier and its gratitude on behalf of the community for his outstanding service and leadership as Principal for De La Salle, Institute Campus for Young Men; 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 Jim Krygier to commemorate the occasion of his retirement.

15-4680

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MARGARET MINIAT, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Margaret "Pauline" Miniat (nee Foerner)

from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Miniati was the beloved wife of Ronald Miniati; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Miniati was the loving mother of Susan (Jerome) Kolavo, Michael Miniati, David (Lisa) Miniati, Amy (Charles) Nalon & Sara (Stacey) Huels; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Miniati was the cherished grandmother of Peter, Daniel, John, Caroline, and Paulina Kolavo; Taylor and Jessica Miniati; Matthew, Mark, Charles, and Megan Miniati; Thomas, Joseph, Jack, and Katherine Nalon and Madeline, Henry and Michael Huels; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Miniati was the devoted daughter of the late Frank and Margaret Foerner as well as the dear sister of Mary "Swiss" Foerner; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Miniati was a dedicated elementary school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Miniati touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Margaret Miniati was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her 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 and many friends of Margaret Miniati, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

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