



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Virtual Meeting**

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, December 16, 2021, 10:00 AM**

**Second Set**

[22-0682](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), DEBORAH SIMS, ALMA E. ANAYA and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF PAULA HENLEY**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God has taken from our midst Paula Henley a devoted Mother, Sister, Grandmother and Friend, and

**WHEREAS**, Paula Henley was born in Harvey, IL on January 4, 1949, she was one of six children born to John and Pauline Stokes. Paula attended Thornton Township High School and continued her education obtaining her Associate Degree at Olive Harvey College, and

**WHEREAS**, Paula received Christ at an early age while attending Wesley United Methodist Church, and

**WHEREAS**, Paula possessed a servant's heart and was very kind and compassionate, if asked to do something, Paula's response was always "Yes"; and

**WHEREAS**, Paula was employed by Cook County Board of Commissioners, Secretary to the Board's office from August 12, 1996 to her retirement on June 18, 2018. Paula was skilled at her administrative job in billing for the Commissioner's offices and enjoyed working for the Commissioners and Staff, Paula knew no strangers and was always willing to go the extra mile, and

**WHEREAS**, Paula was a member of the 8th Ward Women's Auxiliary where she volunteered countless hours of her time to an organization she "loved": and was very instrumental in all activities and events of the 8th Ward Regular Democratic Organization, the 33rd State Representative District, and the 4th District of Cook County, and was a lifelong resident of the 4th District of Cook County, and

**WHEREAS**, Paula leaves, to cherish her memory, her Daughter Richienda Herring, her brothers, John Stokes, Glen Stokes, and Barry Stokes, her grandchildren JaTaeja, Rayna, Christian, a host of family, friends, and her Cook County colleagues,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, along with members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of all citizens of Cook County, do honor the life and memory of Paula Henley and thank her entire family for sharing her for the many contributions she bestowed to Cook County Government,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution be tendered to her family in recognition of her career, contributions to the Cook County Government and her passion for public service.

[22-0686](#)

**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING DR. MARINA DEL RIOS FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS,** Doctor Marina Del Rios is an emergency physician with over six-teen years of experience working in tertiary care hospitals serving marginalized communities in Chicago and New York City while conducting research in resuscitation science, population health, and health disparities; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Del Rios received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in 2002 and her master's degree from Cornell University in 2007; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Del Rios served as an emergency medicine physician with the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Del Rios was the Director of Social Emergency Medicine and Tenured Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the College of Medicine of the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

**WHEREAS,** her research has received competitive funding from the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart Association, Medtronic Philanthropy, and the Pritzker Traubert Family Foundation; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Del Rios is a physician in the frontlines working as a nocturnist in the emergency department during the COVID-19 pandemic, first in the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago and now in the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Del Rios has a deep commitment to service, spending her time outside of her clinical, research, and teaching responsibilities as a volunteer for multiple health and community service agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Del Rios is a founding member of the Illinois Heart Rescue Project, a state-wide quality improvement project with the mission to ensure that every victim of out of hospital cardiac arrest receives evidence-based care in the field, in route to, and in the hospital; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Del Rios has served with the Illinois Department of Public Health COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force, the Restore Illinois Health Justice Workgroup, and the City of Chicago Racial Equity Rapid Response Team; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Del Rios also serves as Chair of the Health and Policy Committee of Illinois Unidos, a cross-sectoral partnership of elected and appointed officials, health professionals, and leaders of

community-based organizations that aims to stop the transmission of COVID-19 and address the pandemic's devastating public health and economic impact in Latinx communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Del Rios has been dedicated to building trust within hard-hit communities by providing critical information about the pandemic and encouraging individuals to get vaccinated; and

**WHEREAS**, her advocacy on behalf of the Latinx community during the COVID-19 pandemic led to her recognition as one of Negocios Now 2020 Who's Who in Chicago Hispanic Power, as one of Chicago Crain's Business 2020 Notable Health Care Heroes, and as the 2021 Spirit of Hope by Association House; and

**WHEREAS**, her medical career has been focused on serving those in need, and identifying and addressing health disparities found in low-income, minority, and immigrant populations; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Dr. Del Rios for her dedicated service and leadership to the residents of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to Dr. Del Rios.

[22-0687](#)

**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA and BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING ARISE CHICAGO FOR 30 YEARS OF ADVANCING WORKERS' RIGHTS**

**WHEREAS**, Arise Chicago was founded in 1991 by a group of diverse faith leaders to be in solidarity with and to empower the working class to assert their rights on the job, especially their right to form a union; and

**WHEREAS**, Arise Chicago is grounded in the knowledge of the sacred link between faith and work, and believes all work is dignified; and

**WHEREAS**, Arise Chicago casts a vision of a broad inclusive table where all are welcome, regardless of race, immigration status, faith tradition, language, union status, sexual and gender identity, country of origin, or type of work performed; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, Arise Chicago expanded to become one of the first worker centers in the Midwest in order to respond to the struggles of low-wage immigrant workers, especially women of color; and

**WHEREAS**, Arise Chicago has organized thousands of workers, faith leaders, and other allies to win concrete gains in the struggle against workplace injustices, including wage theft, health and safety hazards, discrimination, sexual harassment, and, to date, has recovered more than \$9,000,000 in stolen wages and

compensation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, Arise Chicago established itself as a leading grassroots policy-making organization by passing its first of many pro-worker public policies, in the City of Chicago, Cook County, and the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, between 2017 and 2020, Arise Chicago fought against villages attempting to opt-out of the Cook County Earned Sick Leave and Minimum Wage ordinances, resulting in about half of all Cook County workers remaining covered by the ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, Arise Chicago has engaged in ground-breaking work by incubating unions, resulting in workers moving from exploitation to permanent protection on the job and a higher standard of living for them and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Arise Chicago served as a critical resource for essential workers, providing reliable information about COVID-19, hosting vaccine events for 200 workers, and supporting workers' demands made upon employers for health and safety measures in the workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, Arise Chicago inspires all Cook County residents to believe that we can and must work together for a brighter future in which all workplace exploitation in Cook County ceases to exist; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, board, worker-members, congregational members, and supporters of Arise Chicago on their 30th anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution will be presented to Arise Chicago in honor of its outstanding achievements and 30th anniversary.

[22-0699](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RESOLUTION HONORING ORESTES "MINNIE" MIÑOSO'S ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME**

**WHEREAS**, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso was a Cuban professional baseball player nicknamed "The Cuban Comet" and "Mr. White Sox" and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso was born in Perico, Cuba near Havana, the son of Carlos Arrieta and Cecilia Armas, and

**WHEREAS**, Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso played professional baseball as a third baseman in Cuba and in the Negro League where he won the Negro League World Series in 1947 as a member of the New York Cubans over the Cleveland Buckeyes, and

**WHEREAS**, Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso made his major league debut with the Cleveland Indians in April of 1949 and become a member of the Chicago White Sox in 1951, and

**WHEREAS**, Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso became the first Black Cuban player on the White Sox in 1951, hitting a 415-foot home run in Comiskey Park on the first pitch of his first at bat against the New York Yankees, and

**WHEREAS**, Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso became a star player for the Chicago White Sox. Miñoso and was named to the 1951 AL All-Star roster and became known as "Mr. White Sox". Following the 1951 season, he finished second in the AL's Rookie of the Year. Miñoso also finished fourth in the year's Most Valuable Player voting, and

**WHEREAS**, Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso had many years of outstanding play for the Chicago White Sox. He led the AL in steals in both 1952 and 1953 and topped the league with 18 triples and 304 total bases in 1954, appearing in the All-Star Game all three years, and

**WHEREAS**, Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso played for the Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, St. Louis Cardinals and Washington Senators. Over the course of his career Miñoso was awarded three Gold Glove Awards for his stellar defensive play in the outfield, and

**WHEREAS**, Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso ended his career as a nine-time All-Star and finished his career with 2,110 hits and a .299 batting average.

**WHEREAS**, Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso often described himself as a “baseball lifer,” and was an advocate for the integration of Blacks and Hispanics into the game of Major League Baseball until his passing in March 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso lived in Chicago where he represented the Chicago White Sox in his later years as "Mr. White Sox." He was elected as member of the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame in 1994, the Mexican Professional Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996, the Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum Hall of Fame in 2002, and the Cuban Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014. Miñoso was inducted into the Baseball Reliquary's Shrine of the Eternals in 2002, and, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby offer its congratulations to the family and friends Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso on his election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does also hereby

offer its congratulations to Chicago White Sox fans and the Chicago White Sox organization on the election of “Mr. White Sox”, Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso, to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to the family of Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso and the Chicago White Sox organization to commemorate this event.

[22-0722](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), JOHN P. DALEY and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING LISA ALEXANDER IN RECOGNITION OF DEDICATED SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Lisa, has always been mindful of the interests of the Office of Contract Compliance and has worked tirelessly to advance progressively in responsible positions including Interim Director; and

**WHEREAS**, Lisa began her career in Cook County Government on December 27, 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Lisa has represented Cook County Government at the national level by participating and servicing with the American Contract Compliance Association (ACCA) and has held position as the Secretary, 1st Vice President and President. The ACCA is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring equitable employment and contracting practices within the public and private sectors. Lisa has earned her credentials as a Master Contract Administrator (MCA); and

**WHEREAS**, Lisa has provided outstanding leadership, guidance, integrity, and great dedication by serving under 8 Contract Compliance Directors for over thirty-three years. She has monitored the New Cook County Hospital project from inception to completion, ensuring minority and women owned business enterprises (M/WBE) participation goals were fulfilled throughout the term of the contract, making it the largest County public works project to date, costing the County over \$623 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Lisa has developed outreach strategies for the Office of Contract Compliance leading to Cook County Government’s national recognition by leading contract compliance organization across the country. She has also developed and implemented a process to review request from respondents to Cook County procurement opportunities seeking waiver from the County’s M/WBE participation goals resulting in the reduction of frivolous waiver request and greater participation by minority and women owned business enterprises in the County’s procurement opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Lisa has received The Public Service Award from the Chicago MED Week in 2011. This award recognizes those who tirelessly and selflessly advocate on behalf of the minority business community. Through their efforts an abundance of opportunities is created for minority entrepreneurs; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout Lisa's tenure with Cook County, she has demonstrated unwavering dedication and commitment to increasing opportunities for minority and women entrepreneurs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honor and recognize Lisa Alexander for her contributions to the viability of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Lisa Alexander as a means of communicating our appreciation.

[22-0729](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF MARSHA LYNN COLE**

**WHEREAS**, self-proclaimed social justice warrior Marsha Lynn Cole passed away far too soon on December 8, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Marsha was born September 10, 1954 to Beulah (nee White) Cole and Timothy Allen Cole. Marsha was raised in Evanston and married Blan Roger Wilson. They became parents to Kye Lynn Wilson and Cicely Lynn Fleming (Andrew). After her cousin Ardis Maupin passed, Marsha embraced her daughter, Jeanine Logan like her own; and

**WHEREAS**, Marsha was part of a family with deep roots in Evanston, including Samuel White, Jr., Marsha's grandfather, Democratic Party committeeman who served the 5th Ward when it was Evanston's only Democratic ward; Edna Summers, former Evanston 5th Ward alderwoman, township supervisor, and past president of the Evanston branch of the NAAACP; Michael Summers and Rochelle Whyte-Washington, both former 5th Ward aldermen; Jerome Summers, former member of the Evanston/Skokie District 65 School Board; and her daughter, Cicely Fleming, current 9th Ward alderwoman; and

**WHEREAS**, Marsha's grandfather was a political community organizer before the term was invented. He would take his nine grandchildren when he went door-to-door urging people to vote. As a teenager, Marsha became a young Black Panther. She understood that the fight against injustice is an ongoing battle and imbued that spirit in her children and grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, Marsha became involved in Jane Addams Senior Caucus (JASC)/Jane Addams Seniors In Action by joining JASIA to elect Maria Hadden Alderman of the 49th ward. Since that moment, she became a powerful and inspirational force within the organization, serving on both boards and on the housing committee. Marsha was instrumental in passing the Senior Safety Ordinance; and



**WHEREAS**, her activism was often born of personal experience. When she was looking for subsidized senior housing, she was on twenty waiting lists and had been waiting for over two years. She had to get two jobs just to pay her rent. As she observed, “If you’re not getting subsidized housing, and food stamps, and the [low-income assistance] benefit on your utility bills, you cannot live off Social Security. You just cannot.” She became a vocal advocate for the Tenants Bill of Rights and for a national Homes Guarantee; and

**WHEREAS**, Marsha was fearless. During a direct-action protest that JASC leaders planned on the American Medical Association, Marsha and fellow activists disguised themselves as doctors and temporarily shut down the AMA convention. Marsha famously grabbed the microphone from the speaker who was leading a session for thousands of doctors and began telling the story of how high medical bills had impacted her and her family and why we need Medicare For All. Marsha was never afraid to speak the truth and she had a clear vision of seniors aging with dignity. She regularly told everyone that she would be fighting until her dying days, which she did; and

**WHEREAS**, in Marsha’s own words, “We are fighting for ourselves-and whether the young people know it or not, we are fighting so that when they get to be 65, they don’t have to be on a three- or four- or five-year waiting list for affordable housing. We’re tired. And if you ask other seniors, they will all tell you that they are tired, but they can’t stop (fighting);” and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to her organizing and leadership, Marsha was a talented artist. She proudly shared her art with others and inspired many with her creative expression; and

**WHEREAS**, Marsha will be remembered for her free spirit; her determination; a desire to seek justice; her service to others; her love of music, art, and nature; and her love of family. In addition to her children, she is survived by her grandchildren: Cole Fleming (18), Genevieve Fleming (18), Natalia Fleming (16), Selah Joy Wilson (10), Ahimsa Logan (10), Satya Logan (7), and Nyabingi Logan (3).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County honors the work and contributions of Marsha Cole, 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 the family of Marsha Cole.