



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

Consent Agenda

Wednesday, July 24, 2019, 1:00 PM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Second Set

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING *PILSEN NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY COUNCIL* ON ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* is a not-for-profit community organization based in the Pilsen neighborhood, within the 7th District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* has been instrumental in bringing new institutions and capital improvements to the neighborhood from allocation and construction of Harrison Park Field House, West Side Technical Institute, and allocation of \$26 million in city infrastructure funds between 1995-1999; and

WHEREAS, *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* tirelessly serves as a voice in the Pilsen community, advocating for social justice, education reform, healthcare, housing justice, immigration reform and civic engagement.; and

WHEREAS, *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* has worked with businesses, educators, the community, and government to improve the health and wellbeing of the community; and

WHEREAS, *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* organized a fundraising event to celebrate the construction of Benito Juarez High School in 1995 and has been partially supported by Fiesta Del Sol summer event years after that; and

WHEREAS, Fiesta del Sol, organized by *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council*, has become the largest festival in the Midwest, bringing live entertainment, local art, a variety of food, carnival rides, a children's area, educational resources for parents and youth, soccer games and much more; and

WHEREAS, more recently, Pilsen Neighbors Community Council, through the Guadalupe A. Reyes Fiesta del Sol Scholarship Program, has awarded scholarships to students from the Southwest side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* provides a critical voice for the community and the issues of our day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* on its 65th Anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* in honor of its outstanding achievements.

[19-4765](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING *UNAM CHICAGO* ON ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, *UNAM Chicago*, a satellite campus of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (National Autonomous University of Mexico) promotes a better understanding of the Mexican culture and people in the United States to institutions and individuals through academic programs and services surrounding education and culture; and

WHEREAS, *UNAM Chicago* has served the Mexican community since 2004, offering specialty learning, language classes, and recently, professional development in law, medicine, and architecture; and

WHEREAS, programs provided by *UNAM Chicago* are open to anyone interested, throughout the year in hopes of promoting an increased understanding of Mexican and Latin American history, art, language, and literature through seminars, panel discussions, workshops, traditional celebrations, and films; and

WHEREAS, *UNAM Chicago* hosts workshops for the Spanish-speaking community to help small business owners begin their journey to success, allow workers to gain their food certificate through a one-day course and exam, and prepare those seeking citizenship with a free class and preparation for the citizenship interview; and

WHEREAS, in addition, *UNAM Chicago* provides programs in Spanish in order to help people wanting to learn professionally in the medical and social work sectors, and those wanting to learn Spanish as a 2nd language, both programs have basic through advanced levels of speaking; and

WHEREAS, *UNAM Chicago* also provides programs for those seeking to improve their English and language skills in law, architecture, medical care, and nursing; and

WHEREAS, Year after year, *UNAM Chicago* has received funding from IME-Becas because of the work they do to help the Mexican community in education and work environment, these funds allow for *UNAM Chicago* to continue their programs that benefit the Mexican community in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, *UNAM Chicago's* work for Mexican communities creates an opportunity of crucial value for development in professional fields and cultural education and reinforces the importance of higher education in communities across Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff and participants of *UNAM Chicago* on their 15th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to *UNAM Chicago* in honor of its outstanding achievements.

[19-4800](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JUVENILE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER'S AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC) provides temporary secure housing for youth from the ages of 12 through 17 years, who are awaiting adjudication of their cases by the Juvenile Division of the Cook County Courts; and,

WHEREAS, The JTDC also provides care for youth who have been transferred from Juvenile Court jurisdiction to Criminal Court. These youth would otherwise be incarcerated in the county jail, but for their age; and,

WHEREAS, The JTDC provides the children with a safe, secure and caring environment with programs and structure that enhance personal development and improve opportunities for success upon return to the community; and,

WHEREAS, The JTDC has developed a behavior management system to encourage residents to achieve long and short term goals, and the Ambassador Program is the highest level of this system; and

WHEREAS, The JTDC's Ambassador program seeks to enhance residents' confidence, self-worth and leadership potential; and,

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, upon the recommendation of its Accreditation and Standards Committee, has selected the "Ambassador Program" at the Cook County JTDC to receive this year's NCCHC Program of the Year Award; and,

WHEREAS, This prestigious award is presented each year to only one facility's program, selected from among the 500 jails, prisons, and juvenile confinement facilities that participate in NCCHC's nationwide accreditation program; and,

WHEREAS, The award will be presented at a ceremony on Monday, October 14, 2019 at the Hilton Fort

Lauderdale Marina Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, Florida as part of the opening events of the National Conference on Correctional Health Care.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulates the leadership of the JTDC, its staff and residents who have worked so hard to achieve and maintain NCCHC accreditation.

[19-4801](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING FIVE GIRL SCOUTS FROM QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS TROOPS FOR RECEIVING THEIR GOLD AWARDS

WHEREAS, Nokomis Service Unit #295 is proud to announce that four Girl Scouts in QAS Ambassador Troop #20067 and one from Troop #23140 have completed their Gold Awards; and,

WHEREAS, The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn since it requires the design and development of a multifaceted and sustainable community project; and,

WHEREAS, The girls who have been in Girl Scouts for most of their school years will be heading off to college where they will be utilizing their fine-tuned Gold Award project based skills; and,

WHEREAS, **Shannon Cichanski** created chemotherapy care kits by collecting items needed by chemo patients to ease their treatment experience. Shannon delivered the kits to Rush University Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, **Gabi Finch** developed the "Pet Pantry Pals" program that collects pet food donations for Lakeview Food Pantry so families will not have to give up their pets because of the expense involved; and

WHEREAS, **Kimberly Grabiec** started the "Bullet Journal Club" which helped students at her high school create outlines for time management and find more time for activities and personal projects; and,

WHEREAS, **Mia Warren** created a program that teaches senior citizens how to use popular technological resources and social media. Her website tutorials will help the seniors stay connected with their communities; and,

WHEREAS, **Lizzie Ramirez's** "Comfort Carts" provided "brain break" items for special needs students in a suburban elementary school. She also created a "quiet area" where students can refocus before returning to the classroom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends the work of all five girls for this high achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award and their leaders for their

guidance and support.

[19-4748](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, communities across the country use the month each year to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases across a lifespan; and

WHEREAS, immunization isn't just for kids; to stay protected against serious illnesses like the flu, measles, and pneumonia, adults also need to get vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, National Immunization Awareness Month is a great time to promote vaccines and remind family, friends, and coworkers to stay up to date on their shots; and

WHEREAS, thanks to vaccines, we can protect young infants against preventable life-threatening diseases such as whooping cough and pregnant women can pass on protection to their newborns by getting vaccinated during the third trimester of their pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, whooping cough is just one of several vaccine-preventable diseases that threaten Americans, as outbreaks continue to occur, and many vaccine-preventable diseases remain common; and

WHEREAS, in addition to saving lives, vaccines provide major cost savings by preventing serious infectious diseases, and prevent us from spending large amounts of money on treating them; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for every \$1 spent on childhood vaccinations, our country saves \$10.10 and vaccines given to children born between 1994-2016 will prevent an estimated 381 million illnesses, 24.5 million hospitalizations, 855,000 deaths, and \$1.65 trillion in total societal costs; and

WHEREAS, as the operator of one of the largest Public Health Systems in the country, Cook County Government and our health system bears a large portion of the economic burden of treating preventable diseases, for example the Minnesota outbreak of measles took three months to contain at a cost of \$1.3

million to Hennepin County and the State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS vaccines are safe, effective and the best protection against these diseases, from infancy to early adulthood and into old age, and by getting vaccinated, we not only protect ourselves, we help stop the spread of disease to our children, families and communities; however, for vaccines to be most effective, vaccination rates must remain high; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, continuing disease outbreaks across the U.S. remain a public health concern, and lack of access to vaccines, combined with people who are not taking full advantage of opportunities to protect themselves, their families, and their communities, leaves people susceptible to preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, two decades ago, measles was declared eliminated in the U.S., yet in the first five months of this year, the CDC recorded 1,000 cases, more than occurred from 2000 to 2010 combined; and

WHEREAS, the explanation for measles' return is simply that fewer Americans are receiving vaccines; Since the turn of the century, the share of American children under the age of 2 who go unvaccinated has quadrupled, and a growing number of American parents are refusing vaccines and as a result we are welcoming back a disease that decades ago killed hundreds of people a year and hospitalized close to 50,000; and

WHEREAS, part of the problem is a collective forgetting of the devastation caused by diseases such as smallpox and polio that extinguished many lives and disfigured bodies and so we must remain vigilant and continue to educate our residents on the importance of vaccination; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of National Immunization Awareness Month in Cook County;

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 National Immunization Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conjunction with National Immunization Awareness Month, that the month of August be hereby declared Immunization Awareness Month in the County of Cook, and encourages everyone to remind their family, friends, and coworkers to stay up to date on their shots; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body in recognition of National Immunization Awareness Month.

[19-4752](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, 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 JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE and CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALLAN HOWE

WHEREAS, Allan Howe, a religious leader and peace activist, died at the age of 77 in his home in Evanston, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Allan was born in 1942 to Paul and Dorothy (Powell) Howe. He grew up in Arcadia, California where he was an accomplished student. He was president of his Methodist Church's young adult fellowship, graduated 5th in his class from Arcadia High School in 1959, and attended Stanford University where he participated in the Wesleyan Foundation and graduated phi beta kappa in 1963; and

WHEREAS, from an early age, Allan was committed to social justice and peace. He did two years of volunteer service as an alternative to military service, helping youth on the West Side of Chicago. He was active in the civil rights movement and community organizing, such as taking youth to hear Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C.; and helping the oppressed register to vote in Mississippi and on the near west side of Chicago. He met and worked with many young Christians at the West Side Christian Parish; and

WHEREAS, Allan married Jeanne Casner on December 25, 1965. They moved to Elkhart, Indiana in 1966 where he attended the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. After graduating with a Masters Degree in 1969, they moved to Evanston, Illinois to begin a Doctoral program at Northwestern University's Garrett Theological Seminary. He completed his Ph.D. in Biblical Studies in 1978.; and

WHEREAS, upon moving to Evanston, Allan and his wife joined Reba Place Fellowship. He provided leadership and aid to others in many capacities: as leader of the Toad Hall household in the early 1970's; as a social worker at Travelers and Immigrants Aid in Union Station, Chicago from 1972 to 1976; as a founding director of the North Suburban Peace Initiative, which led the peace movement and Nuclear Freeze campaign on the North Shore from 1978 to 1988; working for the Illinois Mennonite Conference as a support for Chicago area pastors; as an elected leader of Reba Place Fellowship from 2003 to 2009, during which time he founded Plain & Simple Furniture; as Administrator of RPF's Leadership Team from 2009 to 2017; and, for over twenty years, as chairman of the board of the Reba Early Learning Center pre-school; and

WHEREAS, Reba Place began as a Fellowship of believers who committed to joining the common treasury and moving into shared housing in the Mennonite tradition of meeting often, asking for grace,

admonishing each other, and “hold(ing) all things in common for the sake of those in need.” Rapid growth before and during the Vietnam War led to challenges for the community. This led to the formation of the Reba Place Church, a Mennonite congregation that people could join without being a part of the Fellowship. In these years, the Reba Place members continued the Fellowship’s day-care center and other programs, while also organizing refugee resettlement efforts and launching projects to serve people with disabilities and experiencing homelessness. They also experienced challenges over women in leadership roles and in trying to become a convincingly interracial congregation. At its 50th anniversary celebration, Allan reflected aloud, “It is a marvel and a miracle that Reba Place has continued as one people.” The response was a resounding “Hallelujah!”; and

WHEREAS, Alan, through his work at Reba Place and beyond, has touched and improved the lives of many people; and

WHEREAS, Allan is survived by his wife, Jeanne; his son Mark (Judy) Howe, their children, Colleen and Lily; his daughter Kathleen (Sarah) Howe, their children, Connor, Isaiah, Adin, Olivia, and Elisa; his daughter-in-law, Danae Howe, her son, Sterling; his brother, Bruce (Donna) Howe; and his sister, Marcia (Ted) Adams. He is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Dorothy (Powell) Howe, and his son, James Marcus Howe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, commemorates the life of **ALLAN HOWE**, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of service he gave 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 **ALLAN HOWE**.

[19-4751](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, 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 JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE and CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARGARET BLACKSHERE

WHEREAS, Margaret Blackshere was a powerful and historic force in Illinois labor and politics, from her time as the first woman to head the state AFL-CIO to her tenure as a member of the Democratic National Committee, and as a delegate to the party’s presidential nominating conventions.

WHEREAS, Margaret was raised in North Venice, Illinois by her mother, Frances, and her Aunt Margie.

She received her master's degree in education at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and became a kindergarten teacher in nearby Madison. While a student at SIUE, she served as a student trustee. After completing her studies, she was appointed by the governor to continue in the role of trustee. In Madison, she launched the organizing drive that led to the school's teachers becoming affiliated with the Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT); and

WHEREAS, Margaret was known as being tough but charming. She went from being a kindergarten teacher to taking on union and political posts while working to modernize the labor movement. She made history as the first woman to lead the Illinois AFL-CIO and helped lead Democrats to victory across the state; and

WHEREAS, Margaret rose through the ranks of the statewide IFT and in 1993 was elected secretary-treasurer of the state AFL-CIO. Seven years later, following a rare, bitterly contested battle for control, she was elected president of the umbrella organization for labor unions in Illinois. It was a post she held until retiring from the position in 2007. Her union presidency came during a time of change for organized labor as power shifted from private-sector unions to organizations representing public-sector workers; and

WHEREAS, Margaret was known for trying to make union leadership more inclusive along racial and gender lines to be more representative of the membership. She brought a higher level of union activity to the Democratic Party, including leading coordinated campaigns among candidates, along with serving on the DNC and as a convention delegate. She threw her full support and political muscle behind countless Democrats, helping Dan Hynes win election as state comptroller and Barack Obama as president of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Margaret had many accomplishments during her tenure, including winning increases in the state minimum wage and helping land pro-labor individuals on state boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, Margaret's greatest contribution to Illinois' labor movement may have been her capacity to unify diverse groups and build coalitions, both within the Labor movement, and between Labor, small business, and community and faith-based groups. She forged critical alliances with the Illinois Manufacturers Association to create and save manufacturing jobs in our state and with The Transportation for Illinois Coalition, a group of labor and business groups working to secure state and federal funds for Illinois' infrastructure. Within the Labor movement, Margaret worked tirelessly to keep Illinois affiliates united and working together in political and legislative efforts, even when several international unions left the AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dick Durban described Margaret as having, "the caring heart of a downstate teacher and the fierce spirit of an advocate fighting for justice in classrooms and workplaces across Illinois"; and

WHEREAS, Dan Montgomery, the president of the Illinois Federation of Teachers, the union in which Margaret began her labor advocacy, described her as "A very dynamic person (with) a great sense of

humor. She would have to have had a great sense of humor to do the work she did. But she was also tough. She had to be tough to get to the position she got to - trying to mediate the trades and industrial unions, and public sector unions; taking on tough issues in Illinois politics, finances, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Flynn Currie, a close friend and associate, described Margaret as “down to earth, ... a real person.” She enjoyed baseball and other hobbies. At the same time, as the first woman president of the ALF-CIO, she created a seat at the table for female workers and always fought for their best interests. Her passing is the end of a very important era in Illinois labor history; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her labor and political work, Margaret served on boards, councils, and coalitions that included the United Way of Illinois, American Red Cross in Illinois, Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the Illinois Women’s Institute for Leadership and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Margaret is survived by two sons, Michael (Catherine) and Thomas (Zoe); her sister, Patricia (the late Leroy) Smith; and four grandchildren, Michael, Alex, Quinn, and Raquel Blackshere;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of **MAGARET BLACKSHERE**, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of service she gave 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 **MAGARET BLACKSHERE**.