



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

1:30 PM

**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered to speak, with the Secretary, 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room F, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 11/15/2023

[23-5832](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Dr. Marla Issac

Position: Trustee

Department/Board/Commission: Northshore Mosquito Abatement District

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: Four years from date of approval

Legislative History : 11/16/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmen

[23-5839](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Tracey B. Royal

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Land Bank Authority

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: Three years from date of approval or until a successor is appointed and qualified

Legislative History : 11/16/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmen

[23-5878](#)

Presented by: ALMA E. ANAYA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Jennifer (Sis) Killen

Position: Member

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Commission on Social Innovation

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: November 30, 2026

Legislative History : 11/16/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmen

[23-5909](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Dr. Justin Harbinson

Position: Trustee

Department/Board/Commission: Northwest Mosquito Abatement District

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 4 years from date of approval

Legislative History : 11/16/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmen

[23-5916](#)

Sponsored by: ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO PROVIDE PAROLE AND WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR THE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AND TO SUPPORT THE RETURN OF DEPORTED U.S. VETERANS TO OUR COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the federal government has failed to pass legislation to support the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the United States of America, including the estimated 257,000 Cook County residents, with a pathway to citizenship; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the legislative strategy to expand immigration parole for undocumented immigrants that includes work authorization for 6.5 million members of the community was introduced during the budget reconciliation process of U.S. President Joe Biden’s Build Back Better legislative plan; and

WHEREAS, despite its popularity, the Senate parliamentarian ruled against the inclusion of the parole process in the plan, leaving further uncertainty for millions because of a procedural technicality; and

WHEREAS, Black and brown undocumented essential workers were on the front lines of their respective sectors as business and institutional operations were forced to pause during the COVID-19 pandemic and have experienced the highest rates of infection and death; and

WHEREAS, these eligible undocumented immigrants include members of our communities in Cook County, many of whom are finding ways to work and pay their taxes despite their legal barriers; and

WHEREAS, millions of immigrants have, and continue to be, deported, with a majority of them never committing a crime; and

WHEREAS, while the exact number of U.S. veterans is not known, as many as hundreds or thousands, including those with disabilities and severe PTSD, have been deported; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2023, Congressman Jesus “Chuy” Garcia, along with 38 other members of Congress, many of whom are members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, issued a letter to President Biden urging him to expand parole with work authorization to both new migrants and long-term contributing immigrant workers including those who are DACA-eligible, farm workers, and essential workers.

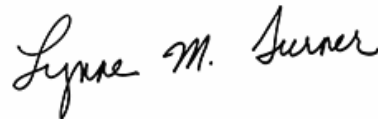
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Cook County President and the Board of Commissioners do hereby request President Joe Biden and members of the Illinois Congressional delegation strongly advocate for a legislative strategy to grant parole with work authorization for eligible undocumented immigrants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this honorable body does hereby request for the Office of the President of the United States of America to work with the families and advocates of the deported U.S. veterans for a strategy to provide them pardons for their safe return home to the U.S.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this honorable body recognizes that this strategy is one of the legislative remedies possible to provide temporary relief for the undocumented immigrant community, and that comprehensive immigration reform that provides a pathway to citizenship for them should continue to be, to a great extent, a priority for the federal government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to the Illinois Congressional Delegation representing our Cook County residents and the Office of the President of the United States.

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Secretary

Chair: Britton
Vice-Chair: Degnen
Members: Committee of the Whole