



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

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 9:00 AM

Consent Calendar Meeting

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

[17-3325](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE WOUNDED AND ILL MEMBERS AND VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM ALL WARS AND PROCLAIMING JUNE 6TH SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY IN COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has always honored the sacrifice made by the service men and women and Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, America's courageous, wounded warriors and their families have made sacrifices that deserve a lifetime of gratitude and should never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Service Banner and Flag have been officially designated by the United States Congress to represent the members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who were wounded or became ill in combat in all wars past and present; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Service Banner is presented to those wounded or ill Military service members and Veterans who embody the integrity, honor and loyalty of Military service, have inspired us all with their dedication and commitment and make every American proud; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Families of America, formed in 2005 to recognize, remember and assist the wounded and ill of our Armed Forces, designed, manufacture and provide Silver Star Service Banners and Silver Star Flags free of charge to those who qualify; the volunteers of this organization worked tirelessly to make it the official banner and flag to honor the war wounded; and

WHEREAS, the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners are honored to have the opportunity to acknowledge the meritorious efforts of our valiant men and women in uniform and their families and the heroic contributions they have made to our Nation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that June 6th, 2017 be proclaimed the ninth annual Silver Star Service Banner Day in Cook County, the official day to honor the wounded and ill service members and Veterans of 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 all eligible service men and women and Veterans in recognition of their bravery and of how much more they have given for our great Country and their fellow citizens.

[17-3001](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING FR. GEORGE H. CLEMENTS 60TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE PRIESTHOOD

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Fr. George H. Clements is celebrating 60 years of service as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 26, 1932; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements attended Corpus Christi Elementary School in Chicago and became the first African American graduate from Chicago's Quigley Academy Seminary in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sacred Theology and a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 3, 1957 by Cardinal Samuel Stritch; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements became pastor of Holy Angels Church in Chicago in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements has been an active advocate for social justice issues and marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr in Selma, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements originated the one church-one child program in the 1980's which utilized churches to find adoptive parents for African American children in need; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements started the one church-one addict program in Washington D.C. in the 1990's to assist recovering drug addicts through counseling and spiritual consolation; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements started the one church-one inmate program in 1999 to facilitate the transition of inmates from incarcerated life to life as productive and law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements is the proud father of four adopted children: Joey, Friday, Stewart and Saint Anthony; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of Fr. George H. Clements has helped numerous individuals and children become thriving and productive members of society; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Fr. George H. Clements on the occasion of his 60th anniversary in the priesthood, and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, 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 Fr. George H. Clements to commemorate this joyous occasion.

This item was deferred at the 5/9/2017 Board meeting.

[16-4387](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, 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, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF BERNARDA “BERNIE” WONG AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE CHINESE AMERICAN SERVICE LEAGUE

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Bernarda “Bernie” Wong is retiring as the President & CEO of the Chinese American Service League; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was born and raised in Hong Kong and came to the United States in 1962 to get her degree in social work from Blair Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong completed her master’s degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong worked as a social worker in Chicago’s Chinatown community; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong and a small group of dedicated Chinese American friends came together to bridge the gap in services for Chinese Americans in Chicago and formed the Chinese American Service League in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong became President and CEO of the Chinese American Service League; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Bernarda “Bernie” Wong, the Chinese American Service League has become the largest, most comprehensive, social service agency in the Midwest dedicated to serving the needs of Chinese Americans; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was instrumental in growing the Chinese American Service League into an organization with 500 multilingual and multicultural staffers that offers vital physical, economic, mental and social support services; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of Bernarda “Bernie” Wong has helped numerous Chinese American Service League clients become thriving members of the greater Chicago Community and productive members of society; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Bernarda “Bernie” Wong on the occasion of her retirement, and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, 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 Bernarda “Bernie” Wong to commemorate this joyous occasion.

This item was deferred at the 8/3/2016 Board Meeting.

[17-3565](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF ESTHER WONG AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHINESE AMERICAN SERVICE LEAGUE

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Esther Wong is retiring as the Executive Director of the Chinese American Service League; and

WHEREAS, Esther Wong has been a lifelong advocate for Chicago’s Asian American Community; and

WHEREAS, Esther Wong completed her Bachelor’s degree at the University of Hong Kong and received her M.A. from the University of Chicago’s School of Social Service Administration; and

WHEREAS, Ester Wong began her career as a social worker in Chicago’s Chinatown community and was presented with the Community Services Award by the Asian American Coalition for her outstanding leadership and dedication to the Asian American community in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Esther Wong served on the Board of the Chinese American Service League in the role of Vice President and was active a chairperson of many Board Committees; and

WHEREAS, Esther Wong serves on the Board of various local agencies that support the Asian American community including: National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, the Coalition of African, Arab, Asian, European and Latino Immigrants of Illinois, the Chicago Job Council and the Governor's Asian Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Esther Wong served as a founding member of the Chinatown Youth Club which provided leadership in youth recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, in April 2002, Esther Wong became Executive Director of the Chinese American Service League; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Esther Wong, the Chinese American Service League has implemented a broad range of social service programs to assist Chicago's Asian American community; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of Esther Wong has helped numerous Chinese American Service League clients become thriving members of the greater Chicago Community and productive members of society; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Esther Wong on the occasion of her retirement, and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, 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 Esther Wong to commemorate this joyous occasion.

[17-3580](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING PATRICIA E. ROACH ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS CLERK OF THE CITY OF BURBANK

WHEREAS, The Honorable Patricia "Pat" E. Roach retired in May of 2017 after 12 years of admirable and exemplary service as Clerk of the City of Burbank; and

WHEREAS, Patricia “Pat” E. Roach served on the Moraine Valley Community College Board for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Patricia “Pat” E. Roach served in the General Assistance Department in Stickney Township; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Patricia “Pat” E. Roach was elected Clerk in the City of Burbank; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burbank, a 4.17 square mile community first incorporated in 1970, has benefited immeasurably from the administrative skills of Patricia “Pat” E. Roach; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Patricia “Pat” E. Roach has faithfully served the people of the City of Burbank with dedication and a commitment to public service that exemplifies the finest qualities of civic leadership, and

WHEREAS, as Clerk, Patricia “Pat” E. Roach has proven that serving the residents of the City of Burbank was her first priority, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its congratulations to Patricia “Pat” E. Roach on her retirement and thank her for her many years of service to the City of Burbank, 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 by the Commissioners of Cook County to Patricia “Pat” E. Roach so that her remarkable achievements on behalf of the citizens of the City of Burbank be duly recognized.

[17-3594](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MARY PAT PALUMBO ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS A TEACHER AT NATIVITY OF OUR LORD/BRIDGEPORT CATHOLIC ACADEMY

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Mary Pat Palumbo is retiring after 47 years as a teacher at Nativity of Our Lord/Bridgeport Catholic Academy; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pat Palumbo was born and raised in Chicago’s Bridgeport community and has been a lifelong member of Nativity of Our Lord parish; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pat Palumbo received her B.A. in History from the University of St. Francis; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pat Palumbo began her career teaching intermediate and junior high grades at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pat Palumbo also served as a CCD religious instructor at Nativity of Our Lord parish; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pat Palumbo has served in various administrative roles to assist in the education of students at Bridgeport Catholic Academy including: Assistant Principal, Junior High Coordinator, Eucharistic Minister and Curriculum Evaluator; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pat Palumbo has helped prepare students for some of the most important moments in their lives including receiving their holy sacraments and preparing for graduation; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pat Palumbo has been instrumental in educating so many young students over her 47 years as teacher; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of Mary Pat Palumbo as a teacher and mentor has helped numerous students become successful members of our community, city and county; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Mary Pat Palumbo on the occasion of her retirement and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, 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 Mary Pat Palumbo to commemorate this joyous occasion.

[17-3603](#)

Sponsored by: EDWARD M. MOODY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING GLENWOOD ACADEMY FOR 130 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, February 8, 2017 marks the 130th Anniversary of the founding of Glenwood Academy; and

WHEREAS, located in Glenwood, Illinois, the organization is a non-for-profit, residential education community that serves children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Industrial Training School for Boys was founded by Oscar L. Dudley and Robert Todd Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln, son of the 16th President of the United States of America and Illinois Lawmaker; and

WHEREAS, for 130 years, Glenwood Academy has provided a safe haven and exemplary academic program to children who were unable to receive essential home care and a good education in their own communities; and

WHEREAS, Glenwood's nurturing residential education program teaches social and leadership skills in a structured and secure environment; all Glenwood graduates enroll in a college, university, trade school and/or military services; and

WHEREAS, Glenwood Academy has been actively engaged in eradicating poverty, injustice, and inequality through the power of residential education for children and families changing the trajectory of their lives through access to increased opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Glenwood Academy for 130 years of outstanding service and herewith express its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions they have made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be presented to Glenwood Academy.