



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

**Third Consent Agenda**

**for the**

**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 11:00 AM**

**16-5324**

**Sponsored by:** JESÚS G. GARCÍA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO'S RAFAEL CINTRÓN ORTIZ LATINO CULTURAL CENTER ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS**, the University of Illinois at Chicago's (UIC) Rafael Cintrón Ortiz Latino Cultural Center is celebrating its 40th anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 1976, the Latino Cultural Center was the first cultural center at UIC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Latino Cultural Center was born out of a mid-1970s movement which also sparked the emergence of the Latin American and Latino Studies Program in 1974 and the Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services (LARES) Program in 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, the Latino Cultural Center emerged as the third pillar of this movement thanks to visionary Latina/o students, faculty, staff, and community members, who fought tirelessly for a cultural center to support the academic growth of the increasing Latina/o student population on campus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Latino Cultural Center was named after the late Rafael Cintrón Ortiz, a Puerto Rican professor who unconditionally supported the creation of the center and was an inspirational figure to students on campus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Latino Cultural Center envisions a more inclusive campus, where all can respectfully challenge each other to uphold principles of human dignity and ensure the nourishment and protection of cultural diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, to accomplish the vision and mission, the Latino Cultural Center identifies, creates, and promotes opportunities to help students, faculty/staff, community members and local communities deepen their understanding of Latino cultures, issues, and assets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Latino Cultural Center continuously supports the academic and professional growth of students in the areas of leadership development, civic engagement, cultural and environmental sustainability, and intercultural skills development, along with harnessing community knowledge and assets to build coalitions for positive social change.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the University of Illinois at Chicago's (UIC) Rafael Cintrón Ortiz Latino Cultural Center on its 40th anniversary and extends its best wishes for continued excellence in fostering cultural awareness and protecting cultural diversity; 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 the UIC's Latino Cultural Center.

**16-5330**

**Sponsored by:** JESÚS G. GARCÍA and LUIS ARROYO JR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL HISPANIC AND LATINO/A HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, in September of 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed Public Law 90-498 into law, authorizing the President to designate the week of September 15th as "National Hispanic Heritage Week" in recognition of the extraordinary contributions Hispanics and Latino/a Americans had made, and in recognition of the anniversaries of the some of the first Latin American countries to declare their independence; and

**WHEREAS**, with the approval of Public Law 100-402 in 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed September 15th through October 15th as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics and Latinos of every generation have made immense contributions to the defense of freedom at home and abroad through courageous service in the United States Military, the arts education, mathematics, science, literature, technology and philanthropy in this county and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics and Latinos have long been part of the fabric of Cook County, first being reported on the Illinois census in 1850 and reaching a population of 25,211 by 1930; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics and Latinos have contributed to historical school desegregation efforts in the United States of America, starting in the 1930's in the State of Texas, that led to efforts in California, that culminated in the impactful decision made in the state California in 1946 in *Mendez v. Westminster School District*, and Hispanics and Latinos, long after the desegregation of schools, have continued to fight for better education, such as the 2001 Hunger Strike in the Little Village community to have a new high school built; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latinos continue to strive and excel in higher education, and continue to endeavor for the acceptance of immigrant students in institutions of higher learning, and continue to strive for equal treatment by the Federal Government on education financing; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics and Latinos have contributed to Cook County's social, political and economic development for over one hundred years and Hispanic and Latino/a contributions began at the turn of the century when millions of Mexicans came to the United States to work in agriculture under the Federal Bracero Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the numbers of Hispanics and Latinos greatly expanded during World War I and World War II when Puerto Rican and Mexicans began arriving in large numbers to work in the steel mills, stockyards and packinghouses and helped to build Cook County into an industrial powerhouse; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics and Latinos have made considerable strides in the electoral arena, and continue to be a growing force shaping the local and national discourse that have led to growing numbers in leadership at all levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latino/a leaders in all levels of government have continued to shape the dialogue concerning the state and future for all Hispanics and Latinos, and continue to make their respective communities proud of their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latinos have established vibrant communities in the traditional port of entry communities of Humboldt Park, Little Village, Pilsen, Back of the Yards, Southeast Chicago and continue to live and flourish throughout Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 50,000 Hispanic and Latino/a owned businesses across Cook County and this entrepreneurial vibrancy has helped revitalize numerous communities in Chicago and suburban communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County's economy has always been a magnet for immigrant laborers from all over the world and immigrants from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America in particular and Cook County continues to welcome and value the contributions of immigrants.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby continues to celebrate September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic and Latino/a Heritage Month in Cook County, and encourages all Cook County residents to learn about the contributions of this community as well as partake in the many celebrations, festivities and activities in honor of National Hispanic and Latino/a Heritage Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

**16-5333**

**Sponsored by:** JESÚS G. GARCÍA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING MICAELA IBARRA ON HER 30TH YEAR OF COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, 86-year-old Micaela Ibarra has been a community leader and example of compassion and dedication to those in need for the past 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Micaela Ibarra is known as “Miquita” or “the grandmother of Pilsen,” has been a devoted volunteer providing services to the homeless and families in need in Pilsen; and

**WHEREAS**, Micaela Ibarra migrated to Chicago with her three children after becoming a widow in the early 1980’s; and

**WHEREAS**, Micaela Ibarra availed herself of services at St. Procopius Church where she was provided housing for 8 years and learned how to read and write for the first time; and

**WHEREAS**, Micaela Ibarra felt an enormous gratitude for the generosity she received and decided to pay it forward and began organizing the St. Procopius annual church festival; and

**WHEREAS**, Micaela Ibarra also volunteers six days a week organizing the food and clothing banks, helping with the soup kitchen and handing out meals to the homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, Micaela Ibarra learned the importance of civic engagement and became a United States Citizen on March of 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Micaela Ibarra became a national icon when a photograph was taken of her with a United States flag wrapped around her; and

**WHEREAS**, this photograph was reproduced by various national news outlets and inspired a local Pilsen artist, Alejandro Medina, to paint a mural on the sides of the Poder Learning Center in Pilsen; and

**WHEREAS**, Micaela Ibarra is an active advocate for the rights of immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, we can all learn from Micaela Ibarra’s compassion and dedication to helping the homeless and families in need; and

**WHEREAS**, this Hispanic and Latino/a Heritage Month, we celebrate the selfless and heartfelt contributions of Micaela Ibarra to her community and the dedication she continuous to exert to community service despite her age.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Micaela Ibarra on her community leadership in St. Procopius Church and in the neighborhood of Pilsen; 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 Micaela Ibarra in honor of this auspicious occasion.

**16-5335**

**Sponsored by:** ROBERT STEELE, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN SUPPORT OF “WE DON’T SERVE TEENS,” AN INITIATIVE BY THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, CONSTELLATION BRANDS BEER DIVISION, AND COOK COUNTY BEER DISTRIBUTORS AND RETAILERS TO ENLIST PARENTS AND OTHER ADULTS TO FIGHT UNDERAGE DRINKING**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is home to many of the top middle schools, high schools, colleges, and universities in the United States, and during September thousands of students are beginning the fall semester with enthusiasm and great hope to advance in their studies; and

**WHEREAS**, for several years, Cook County has recognized the Federal Trade Commission’s “We Don’t Serve Teens” consumer education campaign as a valuable resource to raise awareness among parents, educators, and other adults that furnishing alcohol to minors is illegal and that common-sense measures can further reduce illegal underage drinking and the dangers caused by underage drinking to teens themselves and to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) indicates that progress has continued for more than a decade in reducing underage drinking, but it remains a serious public health problem for adolescents and young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, underage drinking is illegal and persons under the age of 21 are subject to arrest, fines, and criminal records for possession of alcohol beverages or driving after consumption of a single drink; and

**WHEREAS**, a substantial proportion of college students are under the age of 21 and face significantly higher risks than their non-college peers of injury or death from assault, car crashes, and other accidents after illegally consuming alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, federally-funded surveys find that significant numbers of younger persons between the ages of 12 and 14 drank alcohol in the month before they were surveyed, and that more than 90 percent obtain alcohol from their own home, the home of a friend, or an adult family member. Those findings clearly indicate the importance that family members can play in reducing young adolescents’ access to alcohol and the associated risks of injury and the early onset of serious health problems; and

**WHEREAS**; the consequences of illegal underage drinking are often tragic, and all of these hazards are preventable with a sincere commitment of parents, guardians, and concerned citizens to remain involved in the lives of their younger family members, friends, and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, We Don't Serve Teens provides concerned adults and teens with useful information on the dangers of underage drinking, the manner in which most teens procure alcohol, the costs of violating the law, and strategies to overcome peer pressure and other negative influences; and

**WHEREAS** We Don't Serve Teens information is available at a web site established by the Federal Trade Commission, [www.dontserveteens.gov](http://www.dontserveteens.gov), and the information will be publicized by Cook County-based Constellation Brands Beer Division on billboards, digital ads, bus shelter posters, and at retailers during the month of September; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Cook County commends the Federal Trade Commission for its efforts to protect our teens and the general public and endorses the basic message: Don't serve alcohol to teens; it's unsafe, illegal, and irresponsible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Cook County calls upon all licensed alcohol beverage retailers to actively participate in We Don't Serve Teens outreach efforts to their customers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Cook County commends Constellation Brands Beer Division, Cook County beer distributors, and Cook County alcohol beverage retailers for their many years of sustained support for We Don't Serve Teens; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Cook County calls upon all parents, civic leaders, and other adults involved in the lives of teens to post the We Don't Serve Teens logo on their social network pages and to utilize the information available from this initiative to increase awareness of the measures they can take to further reduce underage drinking in Cook County.

**16-5336**

**Sponsored by:** ROBERT STEELE, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DEBORAH M. SAWYER, FOUNDER AND CEO ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN INC.**

*Philippians 4: 6&7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, through prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."*

**WHEREAS**, The time has come to say farewell to a dear and loving gift of the Lord; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Sawyer has earned many degrees and certifications from major educational institutions and National Organization to become the best in her field of expertise;

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Sawyer career began as an Environmental Scientist for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

**WHEREAS**, she rose, let's stop and think a moment about that quote alone. Our sister Deborah rose through the ranks at Ohio EPA, She Rose to become the best in her field locally, She Rose to become a Leading Expert in her field, and she Rose to Serve our Lord and Savior every time sickness would hold her down: and

**WHEREAS** Deborah Sawyer started Environment Design International and was featured on The Today Show on NBC and in publications such as the Chicago Tribune and BusinessWeek; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Sawyer received numerous honors including the Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Business of the Year Award, Small Business Association (SBA) Minority Small Business of the Year, State Farm Phenomenal Woman Award, and the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) just to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Sawyer grew Environmental Design Inc. by delivering innovative and civil engineering solutions for Fortune 500 companies, as well as governmental agencies at the local, state, and federal levels across this country; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Sawyer was a civic leader who continually reached out to assist other women business owners; She tirelessly served and mentored young women in the areas of engineering and science and contributed her time as well as her resources to serve on professional and charitable boards and organizations including the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and the In Conference on Asphalt and Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah M. Sawyer physical presence may be gone but she should forever live on in our hearts as a special woman who was kind, compassionate, admired and respected by her EDI staff, colleagues in the business community, friends, neighbors and she was dearly loved by her family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The President of the Cook County Board along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do offer our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Deborah M. Sawyer and EDI and join 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 the same be tendered to the family of Deborah M. Sawyer so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.