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To the Board of Commissioners of Cook County:

I have been asked by the leadership of a local Italian American organization to provide testimony regarding Resolution 21-0565 - Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day. I do so in my capacity as the Paul and Ann Rubino Endowed Associate Professor of Italian American Studies at Loyola University Chicago and offer the following historical analysis of the celebration of Columbus Day from a non-partisan perspective and without intent to take sides in the debate on the current resolution.

It is important to note that Columbus Day, unlike other holidays named in honor of a historical figure, does not recognize his birth but an event -- specifically Columbus's landing in Hispaniola on October 2, 1492, which most scholars agree is one of very few dates in history that can be pinpointed whereby the course of humanity was irrevocably changed. President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed the first national Columbus Day celebration in 1892 as a one-time event, to memorialize the 400th anniversary of that date, and the city of Chicago played a special role in its commemoration by winning the bid to host the World's Columbian Exposition. According to historian William Connell, Harrison was troubled by two ugly incidents: 1.) the massacre of some 200 Lakota Sioux (including women and children) by the U.S. Cavalry at Wounded Knee in 1890, which marked the end of the so-called Indian Wars on the Great Plains, and 2.) the lynching of 11 Italian men in New Orleans in 1891 by a crowd of thousand led by the city's most prominent

citizens after a jury failed to convict 9 defendants on trial for having killed the police chief. In both cases Harrison went against the popular consensus. At Wounded Knee he ordered an investigation of the Cavalry's actions, and in New Orleans he paid reparations to the victims. And in both cases he acted over the objections of members of Congress. Against this backdrop Harrison's inauguration of the holiday and exposition was meant to unite a growing and changing American population by celebrating the land, rather than the Founding Fathers, past wars or other patriotic institutions. Thus, in Connell's analysis, it was intended to recognize an America that included Italian immigrants and Native Americans. Of course, this was 1892-style diversity and inclusion, which was based on an assimilationist model. For the Native Americans this took the form of the Indian Boarding Schools, whose students performed at the Columbian Exposition and marched in various Columbus Day parades. The objective of the Indian Schools is perhaps best expressed in the motto espoused by one of the headmasters, Col. Richard Henry Pratt: "Kill the Indian, save the man."

But for Italians, too, becoming American required shedding certain "non-adaptive" features of their ethnic heritage, such as foregoing speaking in their native dialects and giving up some of the more performative expressions of their Catholic faith. Nonetheless, as scholars Joseph Sciorra and Laura Ruberto have written, "Italian immigrants saw the American idolization of Columbus as a way to deflect the onslaught of xenophobic and racial prejudice and violence they encountered, and for which they were relatively unprepared, as new arrivals in the United States." The Knights of Columbus, formed by Irish immigrants in 1882, similarly sought acceptance as Catholics through the figure of Columbus, so in some parts of the country Columbus Day became a celebration for all Catholic ethnic groups, not just Italians.

Denver, Colorado provides an interesting case study in the development of Columbus Day celebrations over time. In 1907 an Italian immigrant, Angelo Noce, successfully lobbied for the creation of an official State Columbus Day holiday, seeing it as a means of uplifting his fellow citizens' perceptions of Italians, the majority of whom were looked upon as wretched human beings, perhaps even deserving of the brutal mistreatment and exploitation they suffered in the mines in which they toiled. The city's Columbus Day Parade enjoyed great popularity and widespread participation until it was shut down in the 1920s under protests from the Ku Klux Klan, whose anti-immigrant and anti-Catholic rhetoric had strong political support. It was resumed intermittently over the years into the 2000s, when once again it faced protests, this time from Native American groups. Thus, over the course of 100 years a holiday adopted by a marginalized group seeking acceptance became associated with the white majority's oppression of another marginalized group. One protestor noted that at issue was a shift in focus away from inclusion in mainstream American society, the theme of Harrison's Columbus Day celebration, and towards a re-thinking of how American settler society was

constructed, with particular regard to the treatment of Native Americans and the appropriation of their lands.

In conclusion, Columbus Day as originally conceived by President Harrison was intended to unite a diversifying American society by promoting assimilation through the celebration of the land we share. It has never officially been designated as an Italian American holiday, but over time and in different places it became one as Italian immigrants saw a means of overcoming the discrimination they faced by aligning their national heritage with America's founding mythology through the figure of the Genovese navigator.

Across the country Native Americans and Italian Americans seem to agree that each other's culture, heritage and history should be studied and celebrated. How we reconcile and reflect such mutual support in our holiday system and school curricula is another story. The actual historical Columbus, beyond the date of the landing and the naming of his three ships, has traditionally figured very little in the holiday's celebration. One very positive thing that has developed as a result of the controversy surrounding Columbus Day is that people have been motivated to read and learn more, a process I trust this Commission is engaged in as it considers the resolution before them.

Sincerely,

Carla A. Simonini

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My name is Kristi Williams, A Creek Freedmen Descendant and a descendant from the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre. I am the Chair of The Greater Tulsa African American Affairs Commission in the City of Tulsa, the home of Greenwood and Black Wall Street.

I stand in full support of Cook County Commissioner 4th District Stanley Moore in seeking that this committee refrain from any action until all Commissioners are properly informed and that all tribes honor the Freedmen Act.

My Great Grandfather Jesse Franklin came to Oklahoma (then Indian Territory) in 1865 as an enslaved African to the Muscogee Creek Nation. On June 14, 1866, The Creek Nation emancipated their slaves and my family was given citizenship along with 160 acres of land for each person. As a Freedmen, my Great Grandfather was the first African Creek to serve as a Judge to the Supreme Court of the Muscogee Creek Freedmen. In 1979 the Creek Nation kicked out all Freedmen in their tribe and other tribes followed suit.

My people have experienced the horrible Trail of Tears, the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, Urban Removal, Red Lining, Discrimination from the tribes and lost their land. Black people continue to be the most disenfranchised, exploited and disrespected group of people in this country.

In knowing this, How can one ask a person who's family has suffered physically, spiritually and economically to honor a day for the very people who enslaved them and then rejected them? How can I be in support to commemorate the slave master of my ancestors history and culture? You wouldn't ask a person who was raped to support the person who raped her. Do you understand the psychological trauma that has on one's psyche? Until we are recognized through the Freedmen Act there is no way I could support any Indigenous Day without

supporting to repair what was done to my people first.

Each of you have been presented with a unique opportunity to either write history or right history. I hope it's both. Thank you!

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Kristi Williams

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"What you think about today creates your tomorrow."- Oyin

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Cook County Board,

My family has lived in cook county all our lives and we celebrate Columbus Day. It is very important to my family we keep the holiday as is. It is a tradition and important to many Italian American families.

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Dear Commissioners,

As a proud member of Cook County's Italian American community, I am writing to you today to impart upon you the importance of maintaining the Columbus Day federal holiday in Cook County.

For decades, the federal Columbus Day holiday has been the one day of the year when Italians and Italian Americans have joined together to celebrate the traditions passed on from generation to generation. It is a holiday that is near and dear to the hearts of countless individuals, organizations and companies that come together to celebrate the wonders of a culture that has contributed so much to the development of this great country, and this great county.

This is more than just being about Christopher Columbus or his statues. As each day passes, more and more widespread actions are being taken to remove Columbus Day as a federal holiday as well as local recognition, something most Italian Americans consider a slap in the face to their parents and grandparents who came before them to create a better life for their families.

And now, there are discussions within the Cook County Board of Commissioners to also cancel Columbus Day as a holiday recognized by the

County itself. This would be a devastating blow to our culture. We are proud that Cook County is one of the top-ten counties in America with the highest number of Italian Americans within its boundaries. We are heartfully requesting you to be as sensitive to the traditions of Italian Americans as you would for any other ethnic group in Cook County. Wishing you and your family safety and good health during these challenging times. Thank you for your service to the residents of Cook County.

Thanks,

Stan Kuczynski

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Dear Commissioners Board of Cook County,

I just learned of the meeting this afternoon to remove Columbus Day from Cook County (Resolution 21-0565) and replace it with Indigenous Peoples Day. I am strongly opposed to the passage of this resolution. I cannot tell you how much this breaks my heart. One thing this past year has truly shown me is that Italians do not have a place in this great country after all this time. The hate for us is still very much alive. It has gone undercover for many years up until now. This past year has made it very much OK and acceptable to discriminate against our people and our culture.

The City of Chicago spit in our faces last summer when it chose to take our statues of Columbus down. Statues that were gifted to our community and/or paid for by our own people. Not one politician or person on the opposing side gave a thought as to why those statues were there in the first place and the history behind them. No one came to talk to us and try to understand. The news also chose to turn a blind eye to the discrimination towards Italians as those statues and the perimeters around them were vandalized with racial slurs and graffiti. Where were the “stop the hate” campaigns for Italian Americans?

I know this will not stop at Columbus Day either. Last October, my own place of employment chose to ignore October as Italian Heritage Month. They celebrated every other group or day during the month of October and not one was to acknowledge Italian Americans. You are playing a hand in removing the recognition of an entire group of people and furthering the hate for us and our culture by contributing to a false narrative. What you are doing is the epitome of discrimination and racism.

At this point we should all know the true history of Columbus. He wanted to protect the

Indigenous people and even sentenced his own men to death for their mistreatment of them. He also never owned a slave. To think that you know more about my own history than me is also incredibly racist.

Our people, my own family, were heavily discriminated against when they came here. My father came to America in 1956 and the stories of the hate he received not too long ago hurts me to my core. Yet he never raised me to hate, only to love. Look through history and learn about our pain and our struggles before you decide to take away our voice and Day of celebration. A brief article I'd like you to read before you make a decision today. <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/10/12/opinion/columbus-day-italian-american-racism.html> This article also touches on the 11 innocent Italian American men lynched on March 14th, 1891 in New Orleans. One of the largest mass lynchings in American history. Also, one of the reasons why the Federal Government gave us Columbus Day. The Italian American community chose Columbus because he was an underdog and faced hate, discrimination, and ridicule yet, throughout all his hardships, he persevered. He was an inspiration for Italians in America to continue to pursue the American dream despite all that they were up against.

Like every race and culture who came to and continues to come to the United States in search of a better life, there is a struggle to become American while also not leaving your roots behind. Columbus Day became a celebration of our culture and the recognition of what our ancestors and my very own family went through in order to give their future generations a better life. We would gather every October and see family and friends, some we hadn't seen in a year. Wave our beautiful green, white and red flag with pride, recount and share stories of our ancestors who came to the United States. Speak of the past and catch up with each other about the present. There was laughter, tears, and pride. Now our country that we call home is choosing to take that away. Many Italians live, work, and raise their families in Cook County. We are good people who go to work everyday, take care of our families, raise children, pay our taxes, and want to live a simple life. Many of us are here because it is where our ancestors chose to start a better life and we have carried on since them. By replacing our day, you are actively and consciously reminding us that we are truly not welcome or accepted here. You are digging up the pain from our past, opening up old wounds, throwing salt on them and spitting in our faces.

This is my plea for Cook County to keep Columbus Day. Please do not silence our voices and our culture. Allow us to continue to celebrate our Italian heritage and acknowledge the hardships, trials, and tribulations our ancestors experienced in this country in their journey to become American.

Furthermore, I do not know one Italian American person who would not welcome an Indigenous People's Day. In fact, I know we would be out there celebrating it in solidarity and peace. To show our support. Have we not all struggled? Are we not all one race after all? But we all have a story. We want their culture and hardships to be recognized just as much as our own. There are three designated days in this country for Indigenous People and also 365 days in a year. A day can be given without taking one away from an entire culture of people. Replacing our day would not be out of fairness, but out of plain hate and discrimination.

Sincerely,

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Thank you.

James Burnette
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From: [Gerhon Moore](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
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From: mark.florido@educationalequity.org
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From: [Marjorie Fritz-Birch](#)
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Thank you.

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From: [Miriam B Scott](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
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My husband and I, along with hundreds of thousands of people in Cook County support observing Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day (File #21-0565) and a reading of a Land Acknowledgement at Board Meetings (File #21-0597) for Cook County and the Cook County Forest Preserves. Over 120 organizations have signed on thus far (see updated list as of May 3rd, <https://bit.ly/IPD4IL5321>).

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Thank you.

Miriam B Scott
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From: [Jean Roberts](#)
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Thank you.

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From: [Jamie Cernek](#)
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Thank you.

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From: [monica Novak](#)
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Thank you.

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From: [Pamela Rosenbaum](#)
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Thank you.

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From: [Ashley Lundgren](#)
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From: [Yvonne Afable](#)
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From: [Kurt Hilgendorf](#)
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Thank you.

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From: [Jesus Armando Arriola Hernandez](#)
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From: [Patrick Parker](#)
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From: [Margaret Gay](#)
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From: [Lucinda Ali-Landing](#)
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From: [Henry White](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
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From: [B Leahy](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
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From: [Megan Selby](#)
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Thank you.

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From: [Marchell Goins](#)
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From: [Susan Salisbury](#)
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From: [Jose Guerrero](#)
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From: [Jayme Novotney](#)
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Jayme Novotney
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From: [Derek Gruen](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Please Vote YES For File #21-0565 and File #21-0597
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 6:37:03 AM

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PLEASE do the right and just thing in the name of equity and racial justice when you vote in June! We're looking forward to the Public Hearing May 24th!

Thank you.

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From: [Rosaria Lopez](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Please Vote YES For File #21-0565 and File #21-0597
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From: [Shah, Shivani](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Please Vote YES For Indigenous Peoples' Day a Reality for Cook County!
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 8:42:45 AM

Cook County Board,

Cook County NEEDS you to support our roots. We graciously ask for your support to replace Columbus Day (File #21-0565) with Indigenous Peoples' Day replacing Columbus Day and a reading of a Land Acknowledgement at Board Meetings (File #21-0597) for Cook County and the Cook County Forest Preserves. Over 120 organizations have signed on thus far (see updated list as of May 3rd, <https://bit.ly/IPD4IL5321>).

PLEASE do vote for a better and more inclusive County. We're looking forward to the Public Hearing May 24th!

Thank you.

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From: [Laura Lалlos](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#); [Bill Lowry \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Stanley Moore \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Deborah Sims \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Donna Miller \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Luis Arroyo Jr \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Peter Silvestri; District 10](#); [John Daley \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Sean Morrison \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [+Gabriel+](#)
Subject: Support Indigenous Peoples" Day!
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 8:30:15 AM

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Dear Board of Commissioners,

I am both a Cook County resident and an Italian-American. I am writing to ask to you to abolish Columbus Day and replace it with Indigenous Peoples' Day. Columbus Day is not a necessary or fitting way to honor Italian-American achievements.

Sincerely,

Laura Lалlos

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