



COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Second Consent Calendar Agenda

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

10:45 AM

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Sponsored by: JOHN A. FRITCHEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE CAMBODIAN ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS ON ITS 37TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Cambodian Association of Illinois (CAI) is a nonprofit social service organization founded in 1976 by a group of Cambodian refugee volunteers responding to the needs of Cambodians who were resettling in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, CAI serves approximately 5,000 Cambodians in Illinois, most of whom are Cambodian refugees or the children of refugees, by providing bilingual programming to address the interrelated social and economic needs of the Cambodian-American population; and

WHEREAS, the mission of CAI is to enable refugees and immigrants from Cambodia who now reside in Illinois to become self-sufficient, productive participants in American society, while also preserving and enhancing their cultural heritage and community; and

WHEREAS, CAI works tirelessly to remember and pay tribute to the millions lost from 1975 to 1979, when many innocent Cambodians were killed and buried by the Khmer Rouge regime in a travesty known as the Killing Fields; and

WHEREAS, CAI works to ensure that we remember those who were lost and those who will forever bear the scars from this atrocity, and to educate Cook County residents on the rich culture, history and contributions of the Cambodian-American community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the Cambodian Association of Illinois be congratulated for celebrating its 37th anniversary, and commended for showing an unwavering dedication to Cambodians who reside in Cook County.

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 same be tendered to the Cambodian Association of Illinois.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN RECOGNITION OF G. A. FINCH

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2013, G. A. Finch will complete his service as Chief of Staff to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Finch has occasionally left the private sector to answer the call to government service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finch brought a world of significant experience to the Chief of Staff position - A partner at Hoogendoorn & Talbot LLP, as a member of the business, employment, real estate and litigation practice groups; City of Chicago Deputy Planning Commissioner in Mayor Harold Washington’s administration; the General Counsel for the Chicago Housing Authority and, at Querrey & Harrow, was the first African American to be named a Managing Shareholder of a large law firm in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finch’s combination of experience in the public and private sectors have made him a valuable asset to the President’s administrative team where he engaged fully in the efforts of the President and the Board of Commissioners to continue the transformation of County government as well as its perception amongst its residents; and

WHEREAS, in his time with the County, Mr. Finch worked closely with the President and her team to craft balanced budgets for both the County and the Forest Preserve District without tax or fee increases; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finch continued the weekly performance management sessions with County department heads and elected officials, seeking to measure the success of County agencies in the delivery of services, to improve those services and to make those services more responsive; and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Finch accepted the position of Chief of Staff to President Preckwinkle, he believed that he could make a difference while learning new skills to take back to the private sector, saying, “You don’t go in there with the idea that this is going to be a lifetime tenured job...You’re able to apply skill sets for the benefit of government, and the personal benefit is that you grow, develop and evolve”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finch is leaving Cook County Government to rejoin Hoogendoorn and Talbot, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Cook County benefitted greatly - and will continue to benefit in legacy - from Mr. Finch’s time with the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby extend their thanks to G.A. Finch for the contributions and leadership he contributed as Chief of Staff for the President of the Cook County Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County congratulate G.A. Finch on his return to the private sector and all his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to G. A. Finch as a small token of appreciation for his service to Cook County.