



## **CHICAGO URBAN FINE ARTS COMMUNITY HIGH HOLIDAYS LIST**

\*Approval for the March 20 Illinois primary ballot of the referendum proposed by Commissioners John A. Fritchey and Luis Arroyo Jr., and supported by criminal reform law-minded clergy, mothers/children's groups, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Chris Kennedy, and at least one nonprofit organization of criminal justice professionals, asking if the Illinois General Assembly should enact the joint bills in the state House of Representatives and state Senate legalizing recreational marijuana use by persons age 21+ up to 30 grams or five plants at a time;

\*Continued progress with Cook County Forest Preserve District with partnering on an far-reaching international hip-hop/world music exposition in one of the district's greenspaces as an event of 2018 Chicago Hip-Hop Heritage Month in July, including substantial cross-promoting nature programs in district.;

\*Continued collaboration with Cook County government and Cook County Forest Preserve District on programs that engage the local urban fine arts, such as the one from this summer where four local beatboxers mentored youth during the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen Exploration Day at Powderhorn Lake.;

\*Continued support from Cook County Board of Commissioners for Well Dome Alliance stress, depression, anxiety, and suicide awareness/prevention campaign, including flier of resources, open forums at Pilsen and Wicker Park/Bucktown club hip-hop nights, digital video/audio PSAs, radio PSA scripts, and ultimate brochure of resources.;

\*Emerging support from Cook County Board of Commissioners for RESPEKT! Initiative against harassment of all shapes, kinds, and forms, including evolving initial fliers to post in work and entertainment spaces, potential digital video/audio PSAs, and eventual flier and brochure of resources.;

\*Approval by Cook County Board of Commissioners of a hearing for Cook County Assessor Jose Berrios to explain himself on discriminatory property tax assessments.



\*Approval by Cook County Board of Commissioners of an investigation by the Human Relations Committee of discriminatory property tax assessment practices.;

\*A commitment by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, especially the Audit Committee to review the FY2018 budget to monitor fat that still exists in the likes of the Sheriff's Department at the executive/upper management level that's been maintained at the expense of the lean and gristles when it comes to boots on the ground, starting with sworn personnel;

\*Realistic and pragmatic recommendations for providing safe and affordable drinking water in poor areas of Cook County from a Human Relations Committee hearing;

\*A commitment, as inspired by Finance Committee chair John P. Daley, to the Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth-proposed kitchen cabinet, which is gaining broad community support, that would act as a 24/7 crisis/lifeline for advising the Cook County Board of Commissioners, Cook County Forest Preserve Districts, and their various committees and commissions on a variety of and programming matters, especially those they have not been tried or tested, such as this summer's short-lived penny-per-ounce sweetened beverage tax.