



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, November 14, 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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

[17-5595](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**THE SOUTH SUBURBAN COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse was found in October 1967 by a group seeking to help others that were struggling with alcoholism and addiction; and

WHEREAS, the South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse established the first alcoholism treatment center for the area that it served; and

WHEREAS, the South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse would bring a treatment alternative to a jail cell, state mental health facility, or formal detoxification center in Manteno; and

WHEREAS, the South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse would expand throughout the years through donations and grants to provide residential affordable and effective chemical dependency treatment and rehabilitation to residents of the greater Chicago Southland community; and

WHEREAS, the South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse is celebrating 50 years of exemplary service to some of the most vulnerable residents of Cook County and beyond in the most compassionate and effective manner; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on the behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize and honor the South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse for 50 years of tireless work and dedication; 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 South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

[17-5931](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING WOORI TAEKWONDO & HAPKIDO ACADEMY

WHEREAS, “Woori” means “You and Me” Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is a community of martial artists with the same goal, that of striving toward excellence in marital arts and in every aspect of our lives; and

WHEREAS, philanthropy holds a special place of importance in the Woori philosophy; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, November 18, 2017, Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is sponsoring its 5th Annual fundraising event to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital entitled **“Kick for the Cure”** and

WHEREAS, Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is a team of highly motivated and superbly trained individuals dedicated to the development of character and inner peace characterized by integrity and discipline; and

WHEREAS, Kwan Pil Kim is the school’s Grand Master. Master Basia Pudysz is testing for her 4th Degree in Taekwondo. Grand Master Kwan Pil Kim, Master Basia Pudysz, Master Hyo Myeong Choi, Master Asad Umrani, Master Jihye Jang, Instructors and students will be participating in the 500 Board Breaking to support the cure for cancer. Woori students will also be participating in Low Belt and Black Belt Testing; and

WHEREAS, all proceeds raised from the sale of “Kick for the Cure” event will go to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners commend the instructors and students of Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy on its fundraising effort “Kick for the Cure” to benefit St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and official copy be given to Woori Taekwondo & Hapkido Academy in honor of their “Kick for the Cure” event on November 18, 2017.

[17-6074](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING HOMER GARY

WHEREAS, Homer Gary is a native of Phoenix City, Alabama, where he graduated from high school; and

WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor's Degree from Alabama State University before joining the Army, and returned to receive a Master of Science in Management of Public Services from DePaul; and

WHEREAS, Homer Gary spent almost four years stationed in Germany, where he was a Medical Corpsman, assisting doctors in various emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, he moved to Chicago in August 1964 and his first job was a Social Studies and Music teacher; and

WHEREAS, among his students during his stint as a teacher were the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Ronald Brown and George Anderson, who was in eighth grade at the time and remembers Homer as a nice and cool fella; and

WHEREAS, after that Homer went to work for the Chicago Transit Authority. That's when a friend who worked at the Chicago Housing Authority encouraged him to apply for the position of Community and Internal Relations Aide in the Tenant Relations Department.

WHEREAS, his friend told him that the Chicago Housing Authority needed a person like him, he thought about it and applied for the job; and

WHEREAS, he got the job and started work on October 10th 1966, and nineteen day later he married his wife Yvette and has been with them both for 51 years; and

WHEREAS, while at the Chicago Housing Authority Homer worked in three different departments, he served as a Management Aide, Building Inspector and Building Inspector Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Homer has seen the Chicago Housing Authority at its worst, and at its best. When crime has ran rampant, when buildings were infested with rats, elevators didn't work and the buildings didn't have any heat; and

WHEREAS, he has also seen improvement come at a break neck pace. He says he admires the Chicago Housing Authority's effort in making public housing better; and

WHEREAS, Homer worked at Cabrini Green housing in 1970, and was recognized regularly by residents and officials for effectively handling acute situations involving residents under tense circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Homer was known for promoting peace and tranquility; and

WHEREAS, seeing roughly fifteen Chief Executive Officers (CEO) in his 51 years, his favorites are Terry Peterson and Eugene Jones, Jr. which he liked their personalities and their personal contact with people; and

WHEREAS, Homer served as a mentor for many current Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) employees, including his current Supervisor Bryce White; and

WHEREAS, Bryce White said he views Homer as a father figure, dedicated, passionate about helping others achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2017 after 51 years with the Chicago Housing Authority, Homer will retire as a Relocation Specialist in the Resident Service Division; and

WHEREAS, Homer is a member of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 73; and

WHEREAS, on retirement, he said the timing is good, states that the Chicago Housing Authority has been good to him, and there are things he would like to do with his wife Yvette whom he calls a “sweet wife” and his daughter, Celeste.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby congratulate Homer Gary on his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body to Home Gary.

[17-6125](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MATTIE RUTH “BIRT” UPSHIRE, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, on October 7th, 2017, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Mattie Ruth “Birt” UpShire from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Mattie Ruth Lackland was born to Charles and Annie Bell Lackland on June 2, 1941 in Greenville, MS; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Ruth was 12 years old when she accepted Christ as her personal savior and was baptized by her uncle the late Reverend J.F. Redmon, Sr., at Pilgrim Rest Church; and

WHEREAS, she attended #2 Elementary School and Coleman High School in Greenville, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in 1950 she met Roosevelt Birt and on October 27, 1960 they were joined in holy matrimony, to this union six children were born; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, in effort to make a better life for her family she relocated to Chicago, Illinois, where she joined New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late B.T. Bishop and was instrumental in organizing Genesis Love and Care Church where the late Reverend M.C. Pettie Pastored; and

WHEREAS, in search of more spiritual guidance Mattie then joined New Home Baptist Church as a part of Reverend Dr. Mack McCollum’s congregation. There she served as one of the Live Broadcast Announcers.

WHEREAS, Mattie’s spiritual growth continued when she joined Friendship Baptist Church where the shepherd was the late Rev. Dr. Shelvin J. Hall; and

WHEREAS, there Mattie accepted her calling to evangelize and minister the word of God. Also, while there she met the late Reverend Dr. W.L. UpShire and became the Mrs. W.L. UpShire on September 26, 1993, to that union, she gained three more daughters; and

WHEREAS, after their nuptials Mattie joined Prince of Peace Sanctified Baptist Church and became the First Lady, which was a position she took on with authority; vision and pride; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of entrepreneurship was upon her and was evident by the four restaurants;

catering company and the women's clothing boutique she owned; and

WHEREAS, among the different passions that Mattie displayed, she always fought for the underdog; and

WHEREAS, Mattie had many faces; she was the Claire Huxtable of helping many make decisions, she was the Carol Brady of our Bunch, she was Madea when necessary, and The COOKIE of our Empire; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer it deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mattie Ruth "Birt" UpShire and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of his Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Mattie Ruth "Birt" UpShire, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[17-6212](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DAMON WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, Damon Williams Comedian/Actor was born and raised in City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Damon Williams has developed and crafted a sharp and streetwise sense of humor that has pegged him as one of the comedic world's rising stars; and

WHEREAS, formally a Subway sandwich shop owner, Damon Williams began his comedy career at one of the most prominent black comedy clubs in the country, All Jokes Aside, Living by the Motto "Don't Stop and Don't Quit"; and

WHEREAS, Damon Williams numerous television appearances include BET's Comicview, including his own one hour special, Comedy Central's Premium Blend, The Joyner Sky Show on TV-One and HBO's P Diddy's Bad Boys of Comedy; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 Damon Williams performed for over 300,000 fans as the opening act for the highly Successful Kings of Comedy Tour, establishing him as one the elite comic of the nation; and

WHEREAS, his growth in comedic wit and popularity also earned him the opportunity to host several episodes of the legendary Showtime at the Apollo, formerly hosted by TV star Steve Harvey; and

WHEREAS, Damon Williams is someone to watch out for having worked with some of the biggest Stars

in the business; and

WHEREAS, some of these stars include Aretha Franklin, Pattie LaBelle, Luther Vandross, Ray Charles, Harry Belafonte, Chris Rock and even Little Richard; and

WHEREAS, Damon's material is universal and there's something for all ages; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does congratulate Damon Williams on twenty-five years in comedy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Damon Williams on this auspicious occasion.