



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

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

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 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.

[18-6748](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY**

WHEREAS, Hunger remains a pervasive problem in the United States, specifically in Illinois, more than 1.4 million people struggle with hunger and, of them, 459,330 are children; and

WHEREAS, according to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap Study, one in seven people in Cook County will experience food insecurity this year; and

WHEREAS, among other not-for-profit organizations in Cook County, the Greater Chicago Food Depository has been integral in leading the fight against hunger since 1979, serving more than 812,000 individuals or 232,100 households each year throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chicago Food Depository's only mission is to provide food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community; and

WHEREAS, last year, the Food Depository distributed 70 million pounds of food, 38 percent which was fresh produce through its partnerships with 700 agencies and programs including pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and responses for children, older adults and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chicago Food Depository serves as a model of innovation and service for food banks across the nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and express Cook County's support for the Holiday Food Drive for

the Greater Chicago Food Depository; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under the leadership of the Bureau of Administration, various Cook County departments and agencies will collaborate with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to plan, coordinate, and otherwise support the Holiday Food Drive for the Greater Chicago Food Depository; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Administration shall be further authorized to utilize County resources, as necessary, to promote, plan and otherwise support the Holiday Food Drive for the Greater Chicago Food Depository; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge and commend the Greater Chicago Food Depository for its continued positive impact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Greater Chicago Food Depository in expressing Cook County's well wishes for a successful Holiday Food Drive.

[18-6780](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN HONOR OF PONNI ARUNKUMAR, MD, FCAP, CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2003, Dr. Ponni Arunkumar was hired as a Fellow Pathologist and subsequently became an Assistant Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, in September 2012, Dr. Arunkumar became the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner for Cook County; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2016, Dr. Arunkumar was appointed the Chief Medical Examiner for Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ponni Arunkumar graduated from Bangalore Medical School, in India. She is Board certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and in Forensic Pathology. She has 15 years of forensic pathology experience, has conducted close to 6,500 postmortem examinations, and testified in court and depositions over 150 times. She teaches at RUSH University, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Northwestern University. She has presented at various national conferences and published articles in the field of forensic pathology. She is a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the National Association of Medical Examiners, the College of American Pathologists, and the American Society for Clinical Pathology.

WHEREAS, Dr. Arunkumar was recognized for her efforts in organ and tissue donation by receiving the Gift of Hope 2017 Lifesaving Partners Award; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 she was recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for a Medical Examiner online data portal that provides up-to-date information about Cook County's deaths, including those caused by gun violence and the opioid epidemic and;

WHEREAS, Dr. Arunkumar hosted the first Missing Persons Day in Illinois to help those with missing friends and family have the ability to submit DNA samples, medical records, pictures and other records to aide in the search of their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Medical Examiner's (NAME) is the national professional organization of physician medical examiners, medicolegal death investigators and death investigation system administrators who perform the official duties of the medicolegal investigation of deaths of public interest in the United States.

WHEREAS, NAME serves as a resource to individuals seeking to improve medicolegal death investigation by continually working to develop and upgrade national standards for death investigation. The published NAME Standards for a Modern Medicolegal Investigative System provide a model for jurisdictions seeking to improve death investigation. NAME aims to involve competent professional medicolegal death investigators in every jurisdiction in the United States.

WHEREAS, NAME representatives participate and serve in an advisory capacity to federal, public and private organizations on projects of mutual interest. As the official specialty association of physician medical examiners, the NAME promotes its vision of competent national death investigation from a seat in the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

WHEREAS, NAME serves as the national forum for medical death investigators and system administrators for the discussion and dissemination of such information. NAME further encourages members to participate in the training of law enforcement officers, allied health professionals, paramedical personnel and others who interface in death cases.

WHEREAS, Dr. Arunkumar has been a leader at the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office and played an instrumental role in the office receiving national accreditation in January 2016 by ensuring that new policies and procedures were implemented, raising expectations of employee performance, upgrading operations and technology, and bringing a culture of change to the office. As a result, the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office is now recognized as one of the premier institutions for death investigations in the nation.

WHEREAS, Dr. Arunkumar was elected to the National Association of Medical Examiner's Board on October 16, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of

Cook County do hereby extend their gratitude to Dr. Ponni Arunkumar for her accomplishments and continued contributions and leadership that she provides as Chief Medical Examiner for Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. Ponni Arunkumar as a small token of appreciation for her continued service to Cook County.

[18-6523](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHINNICK'S PUB

WHEREAS on October 20, 2018 Shinnick's Pub is celebrating its 80th Anniversary, and

WHEREAS George Sr. & Mary (Healy) Shinnick took over a bar in 1938 at the corner of 3758 S. Union Ave in Chicago which would become Shinnick's Pub, and

WHEREAS the building that the pub resides in was constructed in the late 1880's and the ornate mahogany Brunswick-Balke-Collender back bar was built on-site at the same time, and

WHEREAS after World War II and throughout the 1950's the pub became a popular place for local residents to gather and enjoy food and drinks in a friendly environment, and

WHEREAS in 1966 George Jr. & Celine (Dougherty) became the next owners of Shinnick's Pub, and

WHEREAS George and Celine gave birth to 9 wonderful children, and

WHEREAS over the years those nine children would become the respected neighborhood pub's bartenders and in 1989 they inherited Shinnick's Pub, and

WHEREAS in October of 2005 Shinnick's Pub hosted some its largest crowds to watch the neighborhood's favorite team, the Chicago White Sox, win the American League Championship Series and the World Series, and

WHEREAS over the years and throughout many changes, Shinnick's Pub has remained faithful to the vision and philosophy of outstanding customer service and has not only succeeded as a commercial enterprise but as a greatly valued and widely respected institution in the Bridgeport community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does

hereby congratulate Shinnick's Pub, and pays tribute to the memory of its founders George Sr and Mary, and to all their successors in the Shinnick Family and to all of the employees past and present, who have built the Pub into the successful and well respected neighborhood institution that it is today; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body, and that a suitable copy of same be tendered to Shinnick's Pub in commemoration of this occasion and in grateful acknowledgment of the important contributions made by Shinnick's Pub and the Shinnick family in the Bridgeport community over the course of the Pub's 80 years in business.

[18-6953](#)

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THOMAS A. JACONETTY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Thomas A. Jaconetty will be retiring on November 30, 2018, after spending the last thirty-eight years as a dedicated Cook County employee; and

WHEREAS, from 1981-2010 Thomas Jaconetty worked for the Cook County Board of Review in a variety of positions, and from 2010-2018 he worked at the Cook County Assessor's Office as Deputy Assessor of Valuation and Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jaconetty published nineteen articles on real property taxation/valuation and assessment administration in professional journals and was co-author of the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, *State and Local Taxation Handbook* since 1991; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jaconetty has made more than 150 appearances as a presenter, moderator, or teacher at professional conferences and seminars in more than thirty cities across the U.S. and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jaconetty has been instrumental as a member of a wealth of committees, commissions, and task forces, including the ISBA State and Local Taxation Section Council and the Civic Federation; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jaconetty has devoted himself to a range of community, charitable, and educational institutions throughout Chicago and the suburbs; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jaconetty has served as an adjunct professor in the real estate program at John Marshall Law School from 2008-present.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does

hereby wish Thomas Jaconetty well in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Thomas Jaconetty as an expression of our appreciation of his service to the County of Cook.

[18-6597](#)

Sponsored by: DEBORAH SIMS, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, 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 17, 2018, Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is sponsoring its 6th 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 and will be testing on his 7th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. Elizabeth Stack and Keysean Bonds will be testing for their 4th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. Grand Master Kwan Pil Kim , Master Basia Pudysz, Master Hyo Myeong Choi, Master Asad Umrani, Master Hogyun Choi, and Instructors will be participating in the 500 Board Breaking to support the cure for cancer. Woori students will also be participating in Low Belts and Black Belts; 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 Masters, 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 17, 2018.

[18-6955](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RONALD C. SMITH

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith, Professor Emeritus at The John Marshall Law School, U.S. Navy veteran, public servant, criminal and constitutional law scholar, and a leader in his profession, died at the age of 84 leaving behind family, countless friends, and a community enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith was born in Chicago on December 9, 1933. He graduated from Fenwick High School in Oak Park in 1951 and received a B.S. in the Humanities from Loyola University in Chicago in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith served his country from 1956-1962 as a naval helicopter pilot and personnel officer. He left active duty to enter law school but remained a naval reservist until retiring as a Lt. Commander in 1977. While in the Navy, Ron, a “seadog” with bright red hair, acquired the nickname “Red Dog,” a name that followed him for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Loyola Law School in 1965, Ronald C. Smith clerked for Justice John V. McCormick of the Illinois Appellate Court. During that year, Ron was hired as an adjunct professor in the legal writing program at John Marshall Law School, beginning his career-long association with the school.

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith served as a legal counsel for the Santa Fe Railroad from 1966-1968, specializing in governmental regulation and administrative procedure. He joined John Marshall full-time in 1968, where he specialized in constitutional law and criminal law until he retired in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith will be remembered for his commitment to independence and ethics in politics. In 1969, Ron ran for a seat as a delegate to the Illinois Constitutional Convention against a candidate backed by the regular Cook County Democratic Party. He won that seat and was aligned with an “independent bloc” of about ten delegates, which included his fellow law professor, Dawn Clark Netsch. He served as a member of the Committee on the Executive, where he sponsored the amendatory veto provision; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Ronald C. Smith ran for the Democratic nomination for the Illinois State Senate. Party regulars conspired to deprive him of the seat by running a candidate against him who would win, but

then resign the nomination in favor of a replacement chosen by the party. In response, he did what any law professor would do - he sued. His lawsuit, *Smith v. Cherry*, 489 F.2d 1098 (1974) was a leading federal elections lawsuit on dirty tricks until legislation addressed the situation; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith continued public service as a member of Governor Dan Walker's Ethics Board, among other positions; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith acted as legal counsel for his wife, Mary Ann Smith - retired 48th Ward Alderman, in her many campaigns for the 48th Ward Aldermanic seat; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith was a tireless advocate for a fair and just legal system. While at John Marshall, he continued to practice criminal law. In the 1970s he served as an assistant state's attorney during the summer, prosecuting cases for the Cook County State's Attorney. Later, he represented indigent defendants, often those who were not knowledgeable in English or the American legal system; and

WHEREAS, his work with the criminal justice sections of multiple bar associations culminated in his election to the chairmanship of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section in 2001. During that year he was often the voice of the A.B.A. on anti-terrorism activities and international criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Ronald C. Smith founded the National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition, co-sponsored by John Marshall Law School and the American Bar Association. Teams from all over the world have participated in this award-winning and path-breaking exercise in training future prosecutors and defense attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Ronald C. Smith to the community is significant. He will be remembered as someone devoted to making Illinois a better place to live, to securing justice for everyone, and to preparing law students to enter the noble profession that he loved. He will be missed by countless friends, family, and neighbors. His loss will be felt most acutely by his wife of forty-seven years Mary Ann Smith; his sons, Michael (Liv Rainey) Smith and Matthew (Carolyn Chandler) Smith; his goddaughter, Margaret Thompson Blumberg, and his cousins Philip, Jonathan, and Mark Thompson; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the nearly the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of Ronald C. Smith, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the legal profession and Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Ronald C. Smith, that his memory may be so honored.