

**EMAILS IN SUPPORT OF 21-0565 (INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY) AND
21-0597 (LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT) ADITONAL APRIL EMAILS**

	NAME	ORGANIZATION/CITY	EMAIL DATE
1	Margie Fritz-Birch	Concerned Citizen	4/28/2021
2	Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth	Chicago	4/20/2021
3	Nuria Sheehan	Chicago	4/19/2021
4	Stephanie Crean	New Orleans, Louisiana	4/15/2020
5	Katie Knox	Park Ridge	4/15/2020
6	Jennifer Prokuski	Chicago	4/15/2021
7	Elaine Bachman	Chicago	4/27/2021
8	Renee Patten	Concerned Citizen	4/27/2021
9	April Whitworth	Concerned Citizen	4/28/2021

From: [Marjorie Fritz-Birch](#)
To: [District 10](#); [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#); [Dennis Deer \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Bill Lowry \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [stanleymoore2@cookcountyil.gov](#); [Deborah Sims \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Donna Miller \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Luis Arroyo Jr \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Peter Silvestri](#); [John Daley \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [lsuffredin@aol.com](#); [sean.morrison@cookcountyil.gov](#); [Brandon Johnson \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Alma Anaya \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Kevin Morrison \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Scott Britton \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Frank Aguilar \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [Bridget Degnen \(Board of Commissioners\)](#)
Subject: Indigenous People's Day
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Dear Commissioners,

Please take time to read this to understand that Indigenous People's Day is so important to the Native American Community just as Juneteenth is to the African American Community.

Thank you
Margie Fritz-Birch

<https://truthout.org/articles/californias-indigenous-history-is-a-story-of-genocide-and-resistance/>

From: [Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Please Support File #21-0565 + File #21-0597!
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For information on the negative impact of Columbus Day on Native youth in the nation and in Chicago Public Schools, and to see the updated list of the Coalition's supporters, please click here: <https://bit.ly/IPD4CookCounty41121>

Sincerely,

Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth
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5333 N Clark St
Chicago, Illinois 60640

From: [Nuria Sheehan](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Please Support File #21-0565 + File #21-0597!
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Sincerely,

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From: stephanie.crean@yahoo.com
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Katie Knox](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
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Sincerely,

Katie Knox
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Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

From: [Jennifer Prokuski](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Please Support File #21-0565 + File #21-0597!
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Sincerely,

Jennifer Prokuski
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From: [Elaine Bachman](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Please Support File #21-0565 + File #21-0597!
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Sincerely,

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CHICAGO, Illinois 60626

From: [Renee Patten](#)
To: [Bridget Degnen \(Board of Commissioners\)](#)
Cc: [Thomas Vaughan \(Board of Commissioners\)](#); [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#); ipd4cps@gmail.com;
[Sustain Edgewater Intern](#)
Subject: Re: SUPPORT FOR #21-0597 and #21-0565
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Hi there,

Just popping in your inbox to remind you that I support #21-0597 and #21-0565 and the Edgewater Environmental Coalition with hundreds of members has also signed on in support.

Please join us in the support for the original stewards and ongoing caretakers & advocates for our water, air, and land.

Thank you,
Renee

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Renee Patten, PMP
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On Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 1:44 PM Renee Patten <patten.renee@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi,

Thank you for the reply and your thoughts. My community organization, the Edgewater Environment Coalition, also have had thoughtful and detailed discussions on the resolution and voted in unanimous support on a resolution to join the campaign in support. I hope you

will do the same to represent your constituency in Edgewater.

Thank you for your continued consideration.

Best,
Renee

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On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 12:51 PM Bridget Degnen (Board of Commissioners)

<Bridget.Degnen@cookcountyil.gov> wrote:

Hello Renee,

Thank you for reaching out to me in connection with the proposed change to the Cook County calendar removing Columbus Day and incorporating Indigenous Peoples' Day. I have had many thoughtful conversations with advocates from the American Indian Center of Chicago, the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans and with many constituents expressing strong opinions on this topic.

Like many other communities, we maintain a deep respect for our country while acknowledging the violence and injustice that is often a byproduct of the creation of a new land. For many immigrants, our Country is a vision of opportunity. As a daughter of Irish immigrants, I appreciate the desire to celebrate cultural heritage and reflect on the hardships and successes that accompany cultural legacy. We also recognize that the opportunities we enjoy today came at great expense for indigenous populations, and Columbus Day celebrations can be a painful reminder to this population. This proposed resolution allows our County to begin an important conversation regarding the way we observe and celebrate our history. I look forward to continuing these conversations with the sponsor of this resolution and with my constituency, and am dedicated to working towards a future that reflects our Cook County District 12 in a current, representative and meaningful way. Thank you for your civic engagement. If you have questions or concerns on any additional County related matter, I hope you'll continue to reach out.

Yours,

Hon. Bridget Degnen

Cook County Commissioner – District 12

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From: Renee Patten <patten.renee@gmail.com>
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Subject: SUPPORT FOR #21-0597 and #21-0565

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Dear Cook County Commissioners and Board Secretary,

As a Cook County resident, I strongly support changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day (#21-0565) and the Land Acknowledgement Resolution (#21-0597).

The Indigenous Peoples' Day Coalition continues to GROW to over [100 supporting Organizations](#) (pg 2) and is expanding to the entire state. [HB 3982](#) will change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day for all of Illinois (as 14 other states have already done) and will be assigned to a Committee soon!

The initiative to celebrate an Indigenous Peoples' Day began in 1977 at the NGO Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas, in Geneva, Switzerland. There were delegates representing indigenous peoples from: Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, the United States, and Venezuela. The USA Native participants were from these Nations: Iroquois (Haudenosaunee), Lakota, Hopi, Hotevilla, Muscogee, Lakota, Southern Cheyenne, Ojibwa, Anishinabe-Ojibwe, Taino, Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, and Hunkpapa, Onondaga, and Cree ([source](#)). The Indigenous Peoples' Day Coalition - Illinois honors all those

who have been organizing and campaigning for this change for DECADES!

As you did with Juneteenth, I eagerly await the Cook County Board to do the right and just thing to acknowledge that white supremacy has to end. The way holidays are named, statues/monuments are selected/installed/removed, and streets/schools/parks/etc. are named sends critical messages about who is valued, respected, and honored. I'm looking forward to the day when Cook County begins celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day!

With gratitude,

Renee

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From: [April Whitworth](#)
To: [District 10; CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\); ipd4cps@gmail.com](#)
Subject: vote YES on File# 21-0565
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Dear Commissioner Gainer,

I am a constituent of yours, and I request that you vote YES on File# 21-0565 (to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day) AND File#21-0597 (to read a Land Acknowledgment at Cook County Board Meetings) for Cook County AND the Cook County Forest Preserves! There are MILLIONS of people in Cook County who want this (the current list of supporters is found here: bit.ly/IPD4CookCounty426)

April Whitworth