



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, June 24, 2021, 10:00 AM

Third Set

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Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JESÚS “CHUY” NEGRETE

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Jesús “Chuy” Negrete from our midst on May 27, 2021 and

WHEREAS, Mr. Negrete was born in San Luis Potosí, México, on July 5, 1948 to Melesia and Bernardo Negrete; and

WHEREAS, at the age of one, Mr. Negrete and his family migrated to the United States and spent his early years in Texas while his parents worked in the field and later his family settled in South Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Negrete graduated from Chicago Vocational High School and received a bachelor’s degree in education at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and a master’s in education from Chicago State University (CSU); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Negrete resided in the Rogers Park community and was a lifelong educator through his Mexican folklore ballads also known as *corridos*; through his tenure as a Chicago Public Schools (CPS) teacher; and as an adjunct faculty at numerous universities across the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Negrete rose to nationwide prominence in the 1970s during the Chicano Movement through his music which provided oral histories in English and Spanish to retell Mexican and Mexican American history from pre-Columbian times to the present; and

WHEREAS, he was closely aligned with the farmworker movement, performing for César Chavez’s United Farm Workers and Baldemar Velásquez’s Farm Labor Organizing Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Negrete also provided performances, lectures and workshops to audiences of all ages and backgrounds, in venues ranging from public schools and libraries to union rallies and civic festivals, from prisons to senior centers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Negrete helped found Teatro del Barrio in the 1970s and often performed in the street theater troupe with his sisters; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, he hosted “Radio Rebelde,” a weekly bilingual talk-and-music program addressing issues faced by immigrant workers, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Negrete is survived by his wife, Rita Rousseau; two sons; and four sisters, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Negrete will always be remembered as the folk singer of the Chicano Movement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family, colleagues, and many friends of Jesús “Chuy” Negrete, 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 this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Jesús “Chuy” Negrete that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARCOS MUÑOZ

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Marcos Muñoz from our midst on May 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Muñoz was born in Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, México, on April 25, 1941 and migrated to Texas unaccompanied when he was thirteen years old seeking work to help support his mother, who was the sole support for a family of six children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Muñoz accepted a job feeding animals in a farm for three dollars a day but after several months of work, his employer refused to pay him for his labor and instead reported him to immigration authorities causing Marcos’ deportation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Muñoz returned to the United States where the migrant trail led him to California where he joined the United Farm Workers (UFW) Union in 1965 who were on strike and demanding labor rights for farm workers. A demand that strongly resonated with him due to his firsthand experience of labor exploitation; and

WHEREAS, soon after joining (UFW) Mr. Muñoz became a lead organizer for Cesar Chávez, cofounder of the UFW Union and learned to practice nonviolence approach to organize change; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chávez sent Marcos Muñoz to organize the grape boycott in Boston in 1967. Within two years Marcos, single handedly and without any a formal training or education, removed grapes out of all national and regional supermarket chains across New England and became the East Coast Boycott Coordinator from 1970 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the East Coast, Mr. Muñoz met his wife, Andrea O'Malley; and

WHEREAS, given his success as an organizer and his leadership skills, he was assigned as the Midwest Boycott Coordinator and arrived in Chicago where he continued in that role until 1975; and

WHEREAS, after his UFW role and successfully advocating for farmer rights, Mr. Muñoz settled in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood and organized forty-five (45) block clubs in Latino and African-American neighborhoods, which allowed neighbors to take ownership and action to improve the living conditions in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Muñoz became a steel worker for eleven (11) years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Muñoz joined the Cook County Health System (CCHS) as the Manager of Supplies and Linen and dedicated eleven (11) years to working for the largest safety-net health system in Cook County;

WHEREAS, later, Mr. Muñoz joined the Community Board of Cook County Health Dr. Jorge Prieto Family Health Center in Little Village; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Muñoz's contributions, grassroots organizing, and mentorship have help elect many responsive Latino elected officials at varies level of government from the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Muñoz is survived by his wife, Andrea O'Malley Muñoz; daughter María Muñoz; grandson Anthony Thompson and his wife, Montenay Thompson; and great-grandson Zion Omega Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Muñoz will always be remembered as a social justice activist with a passion to improve the lives of others and his legacy and teachings will transcend generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family, colleagues, and many friends of Marcos Muñoz, 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 this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy be tendered to the family of Marcos Muñoz so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING JUNE 2021 AS IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, in June of 2014, our nation started commemorating Immigrant Heritage Month. This observance seeks to give immigrants and refugees in our country the opportunity to explore and celebrate their background as well as to create awareness on how diversity and immigration are both essential elements of our social fabric; and

WHEREAS, the United States has always been a nation of immigrants, and generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe have built our country's economy and created the unique character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, one in seven Illinois residents is an immigrant, while one in eight is a native-born U.S. citizen with at least one immigrant parent; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has historically been home to the highest concentration of immigrants throughout the State of Illinois, with foreign-born persons making up nearly a quarter of Cook County's population; and

WHEREAS, immigrants continue to strengthen our economy by growing businesses and creating jobs in Cook County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have provided the United States with unique social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have been tireless leaders not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but have also campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the vital contributions immigrants are making to protect our health and safety and keep life moving forward during the COVID-19 world pandemic; and

WHEREAS, nearly 20 million immigrants are part of the essential workforce which includes workers in the healthcare, agricultural, food and beverage, grocery, and retail fields all of whom the American public has relied on during this ongoing worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, despite these countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and enriching the United States has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history and continuing to the present day; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners is proud to represent a diverse constituency and works with a variety of community leaders to ensure that the voices of Cook County residents from all backgrounds are heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize that June 2021 is "Immigrant Heritage Month"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF BARBARA “BARB” M. MALOOF

WHEREAS, Barbara “Barb” M. Maloof, Public Information Officer for the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, will end her service to the residents of Cook County effective June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Barb graduated with a Master of Arts from DePaul University School of Public Administration in June 1989; and

WHEREAS, in June 1989, Barb began her public service career with the Chicago Department of Transportation as City Planner I, was promoted to City Planner V, and then Associate Director of Public Information where she worked on community outreach regarding various road projects throughout Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in March 2001, Barb joined the Chicago Department of Aviation as the website analyst for flychicago.com, the premiere website for O’Hare International Airport; and

WHEREAS, when tragedy struck the nation with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Barb was one of the many communications professionals who helped navigate the crisis and afterwards keep the public calm, informed and safe; and

WHEREAS, Barb began her service to the residents of Cook County in March 2011 as the first Public Information Officer for the newly created Bureau of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, she generated the Bureau’s first newsletter, created the first webpage, and helped promote the Bureau’s good work and programs for Cook County residents; and

WHEREAS, Barb’s previous experience with the national tragedy and crisis communications has been instrumental in the Bureau of Economic Development’s COVID-19 Community Recovery Initiative that has helped residents and small businesses in suburban Cook County connect with vital resources; and

WHEREAS, beyond her service at Cook County, Barb serves on the Executive Committee of the Hyde Park Kenwood Interfaith Board where she will be spearheading the project to help the resettlement of refugees in the Hyde Park community; and

WHEREAS, Barb is admired and respected by all who know her, and she will be sorely missed by colleagues and friends in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Barb will be enjoying retirement with her beloved cats LG and Dude and plans to take longer winter vacations in California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do recognize Barbara M. Maloof for all that she has contributed to Cook County and wish her all the best on her retirement and future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Barbara Maloof as a means of communicating our appreciation for her service.