



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Consent Agenda

Thursday, July 28, 2022, 10:00 AM

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Sponsored by: DEBORAH SIMS, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE BRAVERY AND HEROIC ACTIONS OF DETECTIVE CORPORAL MATTHEW LEVEILLE

WHEREAS, There are moments in life in which one never knows when your preparation, practice, or experiences may be called into action; and

WHEREAS, On July 18, 2022, an emergency call was placed in Posen, Illinois in which a child was not breathing; Detective Corporal Matthew Leveille arrived and upon realizing while waiting on the ambulance, the life of 10-month-old child was imperiled and with deliberate action, he performed a heroic act by taking the child from the parent & performed CPR; and

WHEREAS, Because of his spontaneous reaction the child's life was saved; and

WHEREAS, Detective Corporal Matthew Leveille completed police training in 2016 and begin working as Police Officer; Midlothian 2016, South Chicago Heights 2018, Posen 2019, Promoted to Corporal 2020 and Promoted to Detective Corporal 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Citizens and Police Officers of Posen, Illinois hereby recognize commend and honor an act of bravery, taking the action to save another's life; and

WHEREAS, That this act of uncommon valor being recognized as bravery beyond what is expected during normal events, and the care for others is a true example of the human spirit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County does hereby honor and celebrate Detective Corporal Matthew Leveille for his heroic actions in Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Proclamation be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Detective Corporal Matthew Leveille.

[22-4646](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING LINCOLNWOOD FIRE CHIEF MIKE HANSEN ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Chief Mike Hansen will retire from the Lincolnwood Fire Department on August 16, 2022 after 32 years of dedicated service as Lincolnwood Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen has served the Lincolnwood Fire Department since 1990, having been the longest serving Fire Chief in the community's history thus far, and his contributions can be seen throughout the Lincolnwood community and the broader field of fire and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen authored Lincolnwood's first Emergency Operations and Mitigation Plan and started the Village's Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Chief Hansen became a founding member of the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) and was responsible for the development and instruction of the Academy's initial fire officer training program. To this day, NIPSTA acts as an intergovernmental agency that offers a regional, state-of the art safety training facility for municipalities and fire protection districts throughout Chicago metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen served on the State of Illinois' EMS Advisory Council for over 20 years as both a member and the chairman. His input on the Council led directly to a number of improvements throughout the profession, including the adoption and creation of the State's first-ever Do-Not-Resuscitate form; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen spearheaded several innovative initiatives throughout Lincolnwood, with the most notable being the establishment of a Fire Sub-Station in Lincolnwood's assisted living facility, The Carrington. As a result of this collaboration, which is among the first of its kind in the nation, paramedic staff is on-site daily from 6:30 pm to 6:30 am and can respond to calls at The Carrington in under one minute; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen wrote and was awarded multiple Assistance to Firefighter Grants for Lincolnwood totaling to about one million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen participated with the Illinois House Task Force on EMS Funding with Representatives Don Moffitt and Lisa Dugan. This group determined that EMS in Illinois is an essential service and needed to be funded 40 million dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen worked with the Illinois Terrorism Task Force purchasing and deploying Triage Tags for every ambulance within the State; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hansen wrote 27 years of EMS articles for Illinois Fire Chiefs quarterly magazine, The Gong; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby offer Chief Mike Hansen congratulations on his retirement and thanks him for his years of public service as a Fire Chief through which he has made invaluable contributions to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to Chief Mike Hansen.

[22-4656](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN WILSON (JACK) MCALLISTER

WHEREAS, John Wilson (Jack)McAllister, was a lifelong resident of Cook County, and an advocate for people living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Jack was born in 1950. After growing up in Northbrook, he became a longtime Wilmette resident whose large number of friends was legendary; and

WHEREAS, Jack was a standout athlete in swimming and baseball at both Glenbrook North and Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Jack worked after college as a mental health aide at Evanston Hospital and studied Roling and Massage therapy. These experiences led to his desire to serve people living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Jack was married to Colleen. They raised their two children Katelynn and Jack in Wilmette; and

WHEREAS, Jack was employed for many years by Orchard Village, a leading residential program for people living with disabilities, where he held various leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, Jack played key roles in Orchard Village's expansion in Skokie and led efforts to raise funds to support all programming; and

WHEREAS, Jack had the reputation for being a leader on whatever task he undertook from backyard

parties to sailing excursions.; and

WHEREAS, Jack was the neighbor who organized many spontaneous events and who coordinated volunteers to help anyone in need; and

WHEREAS, Jack overcame many health challenges during his life. In the last few years, he was forced to retire because of illness. Colleen and his family provided loving quality care for him during the remaining years of his life. He showed grace under difficult circumstances: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the life and work of John Wilson (Jack) McAllister and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to the family of John Wilson (Jack)McAllister.

[22-4665](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RAYMOND T DEGRAZIA, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Raymond T. DeGrazia from our midst, and

WHEREAS Raymond T. DeGrazia was the beloved husband of Donna (nee Barbara), and

WHEREAS Raymond T. DeGrazia was the loving father of Disa (Gino) DeGrazia-Aliasi and Deanna DeGrazia, and

WHEREAS Raymond T. DeGrazia was the devoted son of the late Raymond and Concetta “Connie” DeGrazia, and

WHEREAS Raymond T. DeGrazia was the cherished son-in-law of the late Vito Barbara and the late Carmella Previte Barbara, and

WHEREAS Raymond T. DeGrazia was a loving papa of Gianni and Santino, and

WHEREAS Raymond T. DeGrazia was the dear brother of Paul (Barbara) DeGrazia, and the late Anthony (Loretta) DeGrazia, and

WHEREAS Raymond T. DeGrazia was a fond uncle of many nieces and nephews, and

WHEREAS Raymond T. DeGrazia established DeGrazia Real Estate in 1984, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Raymond T. DeGrazia was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Raymond T. DeGrazia 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 Raymond T. DeGrazia that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

KATHLEEN C. SWEENEY, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Kathleen C. Sweeney from our midst, and

WHEREAS Kathleen C. Sweeney was the beloved wife of the late Martin Sweeney, and

WHEREAS Kathleen C. Sweeney was the loving mother of James (Marilyn), John, Marty (Margie) Sweeney, Sheila (Gilles) Charriere, and Bernadette (Maurice) Walsh, and

WHEREAS Kathleen C. Sweeney was the cherished grandmother of Joseph (Emily), Kevin (Gianna), James, Patrick, Conor, Kaitlin, Michelle, Mark, and Erin, and

WHEREAS Kathleen C. Sweeney was the fond sister of Frank Carroll, and

WHEREAS Kathleen C. Sweeney preceded in death by her seven dear siblings, and

WHEREAS Kathleen C. Sweeney was the kind aunt of many nieces and nephews, and

WHEREAS all who knew her will attest that Kathleen C. Sweeney was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Kathleen C. Sweeney 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 Kathleen C. Sweeney that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WILLIAM L. MARCH, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called William L. March from our midst, and

WHEREAS William L. March was the beloved husband Betty nee Loborec, and

WHEREAS William L. March was the loving father of Leslie March, Billy (Lucy) March and Gail (Paul Salapatias, and

WHEREAS William L. March was the cherished grandfather of Scott and Matt Pacana, Gia, Erin and Will March, Michael and Zak Salapatias; adored great-grandfather of Henry Pacana, and

WHEREAS William L. March was the devoted son of the late Raleigh and late Mildred March, and

WHEREAS William L. March was the dear brother of Raleigh and Winifred, and

WHEREAS William L. March was a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews, and

WHEREAS William L. March was a dedicated employee of the City of Chicago for over 50 plus years as a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers - Local 150, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that William L. March was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of William L. March 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 William L. March that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

LEO PETER CARUSO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Leo Caruso from our midst, and

WHEREAS Leo Caruso was the devoted son of Leo and Ruth (nee Jasas), and

WHEREAS Leo Caruso was the dear brother of Nancy Caruso and James (Renee) Caruso, and

WHEREAS Leo Caruso was a loving uncle of James, Michael, and Katherine Hillock, Angelina and Juliana Caruso, and

WHEREAS Leo Caruso was a loving nephew, cousin, and friend to many, and

WHEREAS Leo Caruso was a dedicated employee of the City of Chicago's Bureau of Electricity,

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Leo Caruso was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Leo Caruso 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 Leo Caruso that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[22-4003](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF FIESTA DEL SOL

WHEREAS, in 2022, *Fiesta del Sol* will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, *Fiesta del Sol*, the largest Latino festival in the Midwest, is an admission-free event, bringing patrons, sponsors, and vendors from across the nation and offering live entertainment, local art, a variety of food, activities, and educational information in an alcohol and tobacco-free, family-friendly environment; and

WHEREAS, *Fiesta del Sol* is organized by the Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC), a community-based organization that organizes, engages, and activates people and resources to positively address community issues facing Pilsen in areas such as education, housing, healthcare, social justice, and immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, *Fiesta del Sol* is PNCC's primary fundraising event to help fund its community organizing and service programming throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the *Fiesta del Sol's* Guadalupe A. Reyes Scholarship Program has celebrated over a decade of awarding scholarships to students from the Southwest side of the city, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship offers students \$1,500 for college expenses and has awarded more than \$1,000,000 to roughly 700 students; and

WHEREAS, *Fiesta del Sol* draws over 1 million visitors during the four-day event, which, in 2022, will be held on July 28th - 31st in the Pilsen neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 50th Anniversary of *Fiesta del Sol*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC) in honor of this auspicious occasion.

[22-4695](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING TELPOCHCALLI COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT (TCEP)
ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, originally founded in 1998, Telpochcalli Community Education Project (TCEP) has grown from a small agency dedicated to improving neighborhood educational opportunities and facilities to a full-service agency serving more than 5,000 community residents annually; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2002, TCEP was formally established as a 501c3 nonprofit community-based organization and centers in work in four specific areas - essential services, the call center, training, and mentorship projects; and

WHEREAS, TCEP identifies residents' needs and undertakes significant advocacy efforts on their behalf through its participation in many citywide and state coalitions and networks; and

WHEREAS, TCEP is a special, unique, and valuable resource center in Pilsen, Little Village and Marshall Square communities by providing its residents with wrap-around comprehensive direct services; opportunities to develop skills that ensure their active participation in decisions directly affect their health and well-being; and support in their efforts to secure political, economic, and social equity; and

WHEREAS, TCEP mobilizes youth and adults for social justice work by building individual capacity, collective power, and mutual responsibility through culturally relevant and community-directed education, leadership development, and organizing; and

WHEREAS, TCEP's vision is to increase the capacity and participation of Pilsen, Little Village, and Marshall Square residents in the formation of a more united, educated, safer, and socially prepared community, through a cultural center directed by the residents themselves.

WHEREAS, TCEP recognizes the talent and culture within our community, and will reach their goal by developing and organizing educational, cultural, and leadership programs and events for children, teenagers, and adults which promote their project within and beyond their community, and

WHEREAS, TCEP's *Servicios esenciales* program helps with services around are health and well-being, food, economic assistance, Covid prevention, personal protective equipment (PPE), emergency deliveries, and translations; and

WHEREAS, TCEP's *Comunidad presente* program is a call center to connects people to resources, respond to inquiries, calls, texts, referrals, documents, applications, and forms assistance, scholarship and

college support; and

WHEREAS, TCEP's *De colores* program includes trainings in computers, community organizing, outreach, English as a second language (ESL), problem solving, leadership/social-economic development, first aid, and *El Jardin*: urban gardening; and

WHEREAS, TCEP puts a high value on the capacity of individuals to have both a collective impact on and responsibility for their own well-being and that of their communities; the culture and traditions of all members of the community; working collaboratively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Telpochcalli Community Education Project (TCEP) on its 20th Anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Telpochcalli Community Education Project (TCEP) in honor of its outstanding community work and may continue servicing the community.

[22-4696](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE MEXICAN FOLKLORIC DANCE COMPANY OF CHICAGO ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago was founded February 17, 1982, and incorporated on March 28, 1983; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary at the Athenaeum Center in Chicago, Illinois on August 26, 2022, doing what it loves to do: performing the inspirational and rich folkloric dances of México; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago, through its authentic dance performances, has been successful in its efforts to educate the public in its vast dance repertoire and in preserving this heritage among the Mexican progeny; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago has toured nationally, in México and Ireland; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago has had the honor of performing for Presidents Reagan and Clinton, Vice President Bush, Governor Thompson, Mayors Washington and Daley, Steve Lawrence, and Eydie Gormé, the 1994 World Cup, Chicago Bulls halftime, Bob McGrath of

Sesame Street, Mexican President Vicente Fox, with Mariachis Vargas de Tecalitlán, Cobre, Los Camperos, and Flor de Toloache, Ana Bárbara, Pepe Aguilar, Juan Gabriel, and Los Tigres del Norte; and

WHEREAS, since 1983, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago has received over 350 awards and is officially recognized as a Chicago Cultural Treasure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago on its 40th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago in honor of its outstanding achievements.

[22-4698](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING FOSTER SENIOR CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Foster Senior Club was formed in 1957. It is the oldest senior organization in the City of Evanston and met consistently every Wednesday at Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center until the shutdown imposed by the Covid-19 public health emergency. Not to be deterred, the Club moved their meetings to zoom. They celebrate their 65th anniversary this year in person on August 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Senior Club has over 100 active members. Meetings are devoted to socializing, addressing their program agenda, having occasional speakers, acknowledging the sick and shut ins, and providing announcements of current events in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Senior Club is an iconic institution in Evanston. Their annual Fashion Show attracts over 200 supporters. The Fashion Shows features young, old, and in-between who showcase their talents and style. In 2018, Alice Turner, who at 98 ½ was perhaps the oldest participant, read the anonymous poem “I’m Fine” with the refrain “I’m awfully well for the shape I’m in.” The 2018 fashion show also featured young men from the Officer and Gentlemen Academy who showed off their attire and then stayed to escort anyone who needed support. The Fashion Show raises funds to support the work of the Foster Senior Club; and

WHEREAS, the Fashion Show celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2016. Organizers counted over 350

people in attendance to share in the fun. Participants say the Show is as much about family and community as it is about showing off their stylish selves; and

WHEREAS, before each annual Fashion Show, the newest members of the Golden Ladies are presented with gold scarves to acknowledge the celebration of their 90th birthdays during the preceding year. Members of the Golden Ladies, in addition to being recognized for their longevity, no longer pay club membership dues and event fees, and are no longer asked to sell fashion show tickets; and

WHEREAS, Foster Senior Club has enjoyed a warm and lengthy relationship with Commissioner Suffredin throughout the years who has assisted members with assessment appeals and with transit and tours of the Chicago Botanic Garden; and

WHEREAS, Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, where the Foster Senior Club meets, is in Evanston's 5th Ward, the historic center of Evanston's African American Community. Founded in 1956, it is the oldest standing community center in Evanston and has been the locus of many activities within the community, including a senior congregate lunch program run by the City of Evanston Parks with funding from the Older Americans Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the Foster Senior Center, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the community it has built and the invaluable contributions its members have made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to Mrs. Geri Sizemore and to the Foster Senior Center.