



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois (Board Room
Closed to Public - Meeting Virtual for Public)**

Consent Agenda

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 10:00 AM

Second Set

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Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, 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

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION AND SERVICE OF ESTHER JOO AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CORE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, Esther Joo began her career in 1985 as a research associate for the Illinois Cancer Council, and

WHEREAS, in 1987 through 1992, Esther Joo held several positions at the Illinois Department of Public Health, including Coordinator for both Illinois AIDS Interdisciplinary Advisory Council and HIV Seroprevalence Program, HIV/AIDS Section, and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Esther Joo continued her work at the Illinois Department of Public Health and became the Administrator of the Epidemiology Program, HIV/AIDS Section where she developed the first statewide HIV epidemiologic profile and developed successful grant applications to CDC to support program initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Esther Joo spent 7 years as the Director of Research at the CORE Center where she oversaw research budgets of \$7 million annually and effectively allocated resources, and

WHEREAS, from 2006 to present, Esther Joo, Executive Director of the CORE Foundation, was responsible for ownership functions of the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center facility including the capital budgets and financial stewardship of the endowment fund, capital projects, acquiring and administering grants and research contracts, and securing both public and philanthropic revenues for innovative HIV prevention, education, and care coordination programs for the CORE Center, and

WHEREAS, Esther Joo has spent 35 years of her career devoted to HIV and AIDS and her lifelong work has been important to protecting the health of Cook County residents and those in the surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, throughout her career Esther Joo has earned a reputation as an inspiring leader, known for her accessibility and generosity with her time; and

WHEREAS, besides her dedication to making the CORE Center a welcoming space for all people, she is also known for her willingness to step in and work hard at every level, a consummate team player and a positive force for change; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its gratitude to Ester Joo for her many years of dedicated service to the residents of Cook County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Esther Joo to commemorate this joyous occasion

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

EDWARD J. BEDORE, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Edward J. Bedore from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Bedore was the loving and adored husband of Judy Bedore, and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Bedore was the loving father of David (Julie) Bedore, Mary (Dr. Gary Moeller), Bedore, Sharon (Dr. John) Kwedar, and Bridget (Jordan Polansky) Bedore, and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Bedore was the beloved grandfather of 7 grandchildren, Dr. Katie (Dr. Taylor) Conklin, Annie (Dan) Williams, Ben (Emily) Kwedar, Judy Kwedar, Maggie, Jack, and Connor Bedore; and 4 great-grandchildren, and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Bedore served as the President of All Saints Credit Union, the Budget Director for the City of Chicago, a Member of the Chicago Board of Trade, Treasurer of Chicago Transit Authority, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Chicago and played an integral role in the development of Millennium Park, and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Bedore, after retirement, was awarded Springfield Rotary's Paul Harris medal, was a board member for Catholic Charities, served as Treasurer for St. Patrick's Catholic School, and was a member of the Illinois Procurement Policy Board since its inception in 1995, and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Bedore proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps, and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Edward J. Bedore 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 Edward J. Bedore 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 Edward J. Bedore that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING the 35TH ANNIVERSARY of BONGI CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, Bongi Construction was founded in 1987 by brothers Gregory and Philip Bongiovanni and remains a family-owned business to this day; and

WHEREAS, the Bongiovanni brothers initially gained their knowledge and experience by working for their father's company, Bongi Cartage, a major contractor of roads, bridges, subways, excavation and sewers; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Gregory and Philip decided to form a smaller and more focused business operation, which became Bongi Construction; and

WHEREAS, Bongi Construction has thrived due to quality work, an outstanding reputation and fair and affordable prices. The company is well known and well respected for its projects for municipalities, agencies and townships throughout Cook and the collar counties in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its work with various government entities, Bongi Construction is known for its expertise in directional drilling and has worked with cable companies, sewer and water contractors and electrical contractors; and

WHEREAS, many of the Bongi Construction clients today were clients at the inception of the company 35 years ago. This loyalty is evidence of the quality of work, professionalism and integrity that Gregory and Philip Bongiovanni have provided for decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Gregory and Phillip Bongiovanni and all Bongi Construction employees on 35 prolific and successful years in business and wish them continued success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be tendered to Gregory and Philip Bongiovanni as a token of our appreciation for their company's accomplishments.

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Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE JUVENILE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER'S NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE (NCCHC) ACCREDITATION

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) was founded over 52 years ago to provide an objective assessment of juvenile facilities where health care is provided; and,

WHEREAS, securing NCCHC accreditation offers the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC) public recognition and tangible evidence of a standards-based system of care that is efficient, reduces the risk of adverse events, decreases health care related litigation and improves staff morale; and,

WHEREAS, JTDC has successfully maintained NCCHC accreditation and 2019, NCCHC awarded JTDC the National Program of the Year for our Ambassador initiative; and,

WHEREAS, on April 14 and 15, 2022, the NCCHC conducted its review of JTDC for continued accreditation. Two experienced surveyors who are certified correctional health professionals, utilized NCCHC's 2015 Standards for Health Services in Juvenile Detention and Confinement Facilities as the basis of their analysis; and,

WHEREAS, Re-accreditation requires a review of health services provided to residents from 2019 to 2021. There are a total of 70 NCCHC Juvenile Detention standards, 66 are applicable to JTDC, and 66 (100%) were found to be in compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and residents of Cook County recognize the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center's achievement of receiving National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) accreditation.