



**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, October 20, 2022, 10:00 AM

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COUNTYCARE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Cook County Health (CCH) has a nearly 200 year history of caring for all residents of Cook County, regardless of ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, CCH is a staunch advocate of health equity and is committed to furthering programs and services that ensure health care coverage and access for all; and

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010 allowed for the expansion of Medicaid eligibility to low-income adults, along with several other important health care regulations and policies; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2012, the State of Illinois and County of Cook earned a Section 1115 demonstration waiver from the federal government that allowed CCH's Medicaid managed care plan, CountyCare, to begin enrolling and providing health coverage to adults in Cook County newly eligible for Medicaid under the ACA one year in advance of the ACA implementation date; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the collaboration between the federal government, the State and Cook County government, CCH's CountyCare was able to offer essential health coverage to individuals a year earlier than statewide Medicaid expansion; and

WHEREAS, in its first year, CountyCare enrolled 82,000 members across Cook County; and

WHEREAS, CountyCare focused on enrolling vulnerable, uninsured individuals most at risk for falling through the cracks of the regional health care system, including low-income individuals, those who were unhoused, and those detained at the Cook County jail; and

WHEREAS, by the time Medicaid was expanded in Illinois, CountyCare covered nearly half of the total statewide enrollment of newly-eligible adults in Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, today, CountyCare is the largest Medicaid managed care plan in Cook County with more than 420,000 members; and

WHEREAS, CountyCare developed and sustains a robust network of health care providers, including CCH facilities and many health systems across the region, offering members a broad array of locations to seek medical, dental, vision and behavioral health care; and

WHEREAS, CountyCare has received many accolades over the past decade for its operations and member services, including being ranked as the highest managed care plan in the state by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and accreditation for demonstrating a commitment to quality by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA); and

WHEREAS, October 26, 2022, represents the 10th anniversary of CountyCare serving the residents of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, CountyCare has served more than 938,000 members over the past 10 years, facilitating more than 32 million medical claims and 75 million prescriptions. The health plan has also covered 781,000 well child visits and the births of nearly 43,000 babies; and

WHEREAS, CountyCare continues to demonstrate its commitment to the health of its members and communities across Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate Cook County Health and CountyCare on its 10th Anniversary and do hereby gratefully acknowledge the entire CountyCare team for their significant contributions to the health and wellbeing of Cook County residents.

[22-5848](#)

Sponsored by: DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CAREER OF SEAN HOWARD

WHEREAS, Sean Howard is President & CEO of Howard & Associates Public Relations Firm. He has served as Spokesman for countless individuals, villages, municipalities, and counties for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Having gained national prominence, Howard is the calm, trusted, familiar, and distinctive voice heard over radio waves, television, and throughout the internet. Using skillful communication, he addresses some of the most challenging civic, social, and communal issues with tact and ease; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, he is the conduit for and among citizens, advocacy groups, and policymakers. As a philanthropist, he has contributed countless hours, resources, and finances to tackle and address issues including poverty, violence, and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Sean has several notable philanthropic achievements. He managed successful political campaigns throughout Cook County and helped establish legislation to address illegal adoption practices; and

WHEREAS, He has delivered thousands of gallons of drinking water to Haiti, and the cities of Dallas, Houston, and Memphis. Sean Howard established racial injustice & police brutality protests, alongside organizing efforts to assist families of gun violence victims. With a heart of gold, he also funds annual Christmas sprees for underprivileged families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Deborah Sims, Cook County Commissioner of the 5th District, along with Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby stand, and salute the wonderful career of Sean Howard; 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 the same be tendered to Sean Howard.

[22-5953](#)

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

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 martial 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 19h, 2022 Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is sponsoring its 7th 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, in the past 10 years, Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy raised \$100,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to help fight against childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, Kwanpil Kim is the school’s Grand Master. Master Hogyun Choi and Master Keysean Bonds will be testing for their 5th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. Instructor Tom Holan will be testing for his 4th Degree Black Belt in Hapkido.

WHEREAS, Grand Master Kwanpil Kim, Senior Master Jinwon Jang, Master Hyomyeong Choi, Master Basia Pudysz Allen, Master Hogyun Choi, Master Keysean Bonds, Master Elizabeth Stack, Master Chris Kalinka, Master Patricia Anderson, and Master Tom Holan 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 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 19th, 2022.

[22-5988](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING GLORIA MURAWSKA ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY AND 36TH YEAR ON THE LEYDEN HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Gloria Anne Dallagiacomo was born on New Year’s Eve, 1932, in the small coal-mining town of Clinton, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, Gloria Dallagiacomo moved to Taylor Street in Chicago with her parents and two brothers, Robert and Richard; and

WHEREAS, Gloria graduated from CPS’s Harrison High School in 1950. She went on to receive her bachelor’s degree in history education from Northern Illinois University and her master’s degree in history from DePaul University; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Gloria Dallagiacomo started her teaching career at Elmwood Park High School as part of the first class of teachers hired at the new high school; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Gloria married James F. Murawska who was also a teacher at Elmwood Park High School. James Murawska grew up in River Grove and was a Leyden graduate; and

WHEREAS, Gloria and James had two children. Lisa was born in 1966, and Jim was born in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Murawska raised Lisa and Jim mostly on her own due to the unfortunate death of her

husband James in 1970. Both Murawska children also went on to be Leyden graduates; and

WHEREAS, for several years, Gloria was a leader of Lisa's Campfire Girls troupe and was very involved in the Rhodes Elementary School PTA; and

WHEREAS, defying the passage of time, Gloria keeps in touch with several other PTA moms from that era. They call themselves "The Rhodes Scholars"; and

WHEREAS, Gloria has four grandchildren: Anthony, James, Leah, and Ryan. She attended nearly all Leyden football games played by her son and two of her grandkids, Anthony and Jimmy. Gloria was always the loudest fan in the stand and could be heard from the field by her son and grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Murawska taught history, government, and work-study classes at Elmwood Park High School for 40 years, retiring in 1994; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Gloria Murawska was first elected to the Leyden High School Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Gloria has served as vice president on the Leyden High School Board of Education since 2007-for a total of 36 years-drawing on her historical perspective as a parent, teacher, tax payer, and citizen; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Murawska has been a steadfast supporter of students everywhere, and even as she turns 90, she remains committed to "What's best for the kids!"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby celebrate Gloria Murawska as she turns 90 and honor her for her 36 years of service on the Leyden High School Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Gloria Murawska as a token of our appreciation for her ongoing contributions to education and beyond.

[22-6008](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF EVANSTON AND PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 13, 2022 SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF EVANSTON DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Second Baptist Church, the first black Baptist church organized in Evanston, Illinois, is celebrating its 140th anniversary in November 2022; and

WHEREAS, Second Baptist was established on November 17, 1882, with twenty charter members in a room over the post office, which was located east of the alley on Davis Street between Chicago and Orrington Avenues. Many were well-respected members of the community, and several owned their own businesses. The organizing pastor was the Reverend S. T. Clanton, a student at the Baptist Union Theological Seminary in Morgan Park, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, this group of former slaves consisted of ten members of the predominantly white First Baptist Church (Nathan and Ellen Branch, Daniel and Mary Garnett, George and Maria Robinson, Andrew and Susan Scott, Richard Day and William Enders) and ten other Village residents. Throughout its history, numerous church members have been trailblazers in business, medicine, education, politics, and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, in September 1883, the church acquired the former Dempster Street Schoolhouse (at the northeast corner of Hinman Avenue and Dempster Street). The structure was moved to a lot leased from Northwestern University on Benson Avenue, north of Church Street. After a fire destroyed that building in September 1889, the members purchased the former Second Methodist Episcopal Church edifice in North Evanston (on West Railroad Avenue at Lincoln Street) in 1890. A land swap with Northwestern University, facilitated by founding member Nathan Branch, allowed the congregation to buy the Benson lot and move the building there. The church began construction of its current brick building in late 1912. It was dedicated in December 1915 as the congregation commemorated its 33rd anniversary; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment 140 years ago, Second Baptist's 23 pastors have provided stellar leadership. Included among the ministers who have led Second Baptist are Rev. S. T. Clanton, Rev. E. H. Fletcher, Rev. B. P. E. Gayles, Rev. I. A. Thomas, Rev. W. H. Borders, Rev. Charles Nathaniel Hawk Sr., Rev. J. Gentry Horace, Rev. Dr. Hycel B. Taylor, and Rev. Mark A. Dennis Jr. The Second Baptist Church of Evanston is currently led by senior pastor, Rev. Dr. Michael C. R. Nabors. More than 100 ministers have been trained, ordained and sent to serve in venues across the United States and globally. Known for its powerful preaching, excellent music ministry and wide-ranging missions work, a revitalized congregation became even more progressive and community-minded in the 1970s. Since arriving at Second Baptist in 2014, Dr. Nabors has sought to continue leading the church in its historical role as a trumpeter for Christ and as a social justice advocate in Evanston and Metro Chicago; and

WHEREAS, since 1882, Second Baptist Church has shined brightly as a cosmopolitan center, reaching out to a diverse community of people in Evanston, the North Shore and the city of Chicago. As Second Baptist describes itself, "We are proud to be a historic, Christ-centered, relevant people who believe in 'the priesthood of all believers.' Leadership has been a historical hallmark of our church." Second Baptist deeply believes in the critical merging of church and community, faith and knowledge, ministry and mission, worship and service, preaching-teaching in our sanctuary, and empowering in our neighborhoods. Second Baptist also believes in faith, freedom, and fellowship as benchmarks of their commitment to God and community; and

WHEREAS, their beliefs are firmly rooted in ministry. Second Baptist Church has long been the site of a

Shelter Ministry and Tuesday Soup Kitchen that regularly serves 50+ individuals experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, and other challenges. New ministries grew with the giftedness of many members. Women were ordained for ministry and the diaconate for the first time. Their ministries now include Children, Youth and Teens; Family; Christian Education; Christian Mission; Worship and Theater Arts; Health & Wellness; and Office of the Pastor; and

WHEREAS, this ministry is further reflected in Dr. Nabors' role as a member of the Steering Committee for Evanston Reparations, the first municipal reparations program in the United States, allocating 10 million dollars to Black Evanstonians to repair historical damages due to racism. Second Baptist Church has also become a leading faith center in America by facilitating Race Talk Solidarity Circles in local communities; and

WHEREAS, words can only meagerly describe the centrality of Second Baptist to the civic and spiritual life of Evanston and the north shore.

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 Second Baptist Church of Evanston, and herewith proclaims November 13, 2022 Second Baptist Church of Evanston Day in 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 the same be tendered to the Second Baptist Church of Evanston.

[22-6009](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. MARILYN PAGÁN-BANKS FOR HER TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO A JUST HARVEST

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Marilyn Pagán-Banks has served as Executive Director of A Just Harvest since October, 2002. Rev. Pagán-Banks was instrumental in leading A Just Harvest through a growth period during which the organization added advocacy and economic development programming targeting the root causes of hunger; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Marilyn Pagán-Banks is an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ. In addition to serving as executive director of A Just Harvest, she is a local pastor in Chicago. She is a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary and Chicago Theological Seminary. Rev. Pagán-Banks also serves as an Adjunct Professor with McCormick Theological Seminary and Garrett Theological Seminary and is a joyful contributor of *Words of Her Mouth: Psalms for the Struggle*; and

WHEREAS, Pagán-Banks is committed to the liberation of oppressed peoples, building power and creating community. She is being honored by A Just Harvest on October 26, 2022 to acknowledge her twenty years of service and leadership to A Just Harvest in recognition of her strength and vision for liberating oppressed and colonized peoples, building power and creating community; and

WHEREAS, A Just Harvest is a community-based organization that has addressed hunger for over 39 years. Their mission is to fight poverty and hunger in the Rogers Park and greater Chicago community by providing nutritious meals daily while cultivating community and economic development and organizing across racial, cultural and socioeconomic lines in order to create a more just society; and

WHEREAS, A Just Harvest serves its mission through three main programs: The Community Kitchen - serving over 55,000 hot, nutritious meals each year and distributing several thousand pounds of fresh produce each month to individuals and families in need Community Education & Economic Development Programs - The Genesis Project, creates meaningful opportunities for community and economic development in urban agriculture, small business mentoring, and community-based learning partnerships. Northside P.O.W.E.R. (People Organized to Work, Educate and Restore) - an institution-based people's power organization committed to addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty; and

WHEREAS, the overall economic and community development work of A Just Harvest was created with the goal of increasing economic sustainability by utilizing the assets, gifts, and abilities already present within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Just CIRCLES (Caring for and Investing in Returning Citizens Looking to Embody Success) program is A Just Harvest's response to reducing recidivism and violence by addressing the need for dignified and safe employment for our young adult neighbors who are under negative pressure on a daily basis from the state and peers alike; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Pagán-Banks has served the community with grace and power.

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 Rev. Dr. Marilyn Pagán-Banks for her years of service to A Just Harvest and expresses its sincere appreciation for the work she has done for the residents 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 the same be tendered to Dr. Marilyn Pagán-Banks and to A Just Harvest.

[22-6052](#)

Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIVES OF MENDEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI WHO DIED IN VIETNAM AND AS FIRST RESPONDERS

WHEREAS, The Mendel Catholic High School Alumni Association is presenting a Mass and Honor Ceremony honoring alumni that died in Vietnam and first responders that died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Commissioners has been informed of this ceremony by the honorable Sean M. Morrison of the 17th District; and

WHEREAS, The event will include a co-celebrated mass with Bishop Turley and Father Tom McCarthy presiding, a pinning ceremony for all Vietnam Veterans attending in compliance with U.S. Congressional 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commission Directive, and also a Challenge Coin presentation to all vets and first responders attending the event; and

WHEREAS, The ceremony will commemorate the lives of the following Mendel Monarchs who died in the Vietnam war: Edwin Heise, class of 1957; William Otto, class of 1959; Jeffrey Lemon, class of 1961; Ronald Janousek, class of 1962; William Geis, class of 1964; William Oskilanec, class of 1964; Alan Butkus, class of 1965; Craig Clancy, class of 1965; Jack Dalton, class of 1965; Robert Miller, class of 1965; Jerry Fleming, class of 1966; James Lawlor, class of 1966; Francis Schwartz, class of 1966; and Robert Hojnacki, class of 1966; and

WHEREAS, The ceremony will also commemorate the lives of the following Mendel Monarchs who died in the line of duty as Chicago Police Officers: Patrick Crowley, class of 1963 (Star Number 3614); and James Doyle, class of 1965 (Star Number 9093); and

WHEREAS, The leaders of the County of Cook want to recognize the great debt owed to our public servants and service members, and extend our sincerest gratitude for their sacrifices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, gathered here this twentieth day of October, 2022 do hereby express our gratitude for and celebrate the lives of the Mendel Monarchs who died in the line of duty, and honor their sacrifices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Mendel Catholic High School Alumni Association as a sign of our honor and respect.