



**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**

**Second Set**

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**Sponsored by:** BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING DR. KAYLA NIXON AND MR. KOURI MARSHALL ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR HOLY MATRIMONY**

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Kayla Nixon and Mr. Kouri Marshall are celebrating their holy matrimony with a ceremony on Saturday, October 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Nixon and Mr. Marshall are residents in the County of Cook where they continue to serve the community through volunteerism and philanthropic engagements; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Nixon is serving Chicago women as a minimally invasive gynecologic surgeon at the Rush University Medical Groups Obstetrics and Gynecology Department; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Marshall is serving low-income and underserved families across Chicago via civic activism and his non-profit Generation Change, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS,** This young couple have been called to join in union to love each-other forever and to serve others; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Nixon, daughter of Dr. Kenneth Nixon I and Mrs. Cynthia Nixon; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Marshall, son of Mr. George Marshall Jr. and Ms. Angela Robinson; and

**WHEREAS,** According to Genesis 2:24, Dr. Nixon and Mr. Marshall are uniting their families and cleaving onto each other in pursuit of love and service; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that we celebrate and honor Dr. Kayla Nixon and Mr. Kouri Marshall and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners be extended to them for their service, dedication, and commitment to the City of Chicago.

[22-5915](#)

**Sponsored by:** BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. LAURIETTA “JERI” STENSON**

**WHEREAS,** Mrs. Laurietta Geraldine Stenson, who everyone knows as Jeri, was a lifetime native of Maywood. She was born in a house located at 10th Avenue and St Charles Road. She and her two brothers, Richard and Anthony, were raised and schooled in the local community; and

**WHEREAS,** As a young woman, Jeri began her life-long service to others by attending nursing school and becoming a licensed nurse. For many years, she provided gentle and loving care to patients, especially those in home confinement; and

**WHEREAS,** She eventually shifted her nursing focus to social work and began working at her church, the St. James Parish in Maywood. She served as a community outreach and social work specialist, bringing much care and support to people in need and families for 10 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Jeri was married for 37 years to her loving and supportive husband, the Late James Stenson, a former Maywood Police Chief of Maywood who preceded her in death in May 2022. She is a loving mother of four sons and three daughters and one step-daughter. She enjoys entertaining her grandchildren and great-grandchildren all year long; and

**WHEREAS,** Jeri has much pride, love and respect for her community and township. She has been a member of many civic organizations such as the Maywood Human Relations Committee, St. James School Board member, Maywood Finance Committee and The Oak Parks Visitors & Tourism Board. She is a current member of Senator Kimberly Lightford’s Women’s Committee, current President of the Maywood Historical Society, and is the Curator of the West Town Museum of Cultural History, a position she has held for 26 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Inside Jeri’s home you will find many awards and recognition certificates for local and state level outstanding service and achievements. She was nominated by Senator Kimberly Lightford and presented with an award from “Age Options” for her community service and dedication in her work with seniors; and

**WHEREAS,** In the year 2000, on the statewide level, was she nominated by Mrs. Northica H. Stone, West Town Museum Founder; and received the “Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award” and Medal. These awards were presented to Jeri by the Illinois Humanities Council for her excellent research in discovering the existence of the “Ten Mile Freedom House” in Maywood, which was a stop on the historical Underground Railroad during slavery. This educational and commemorative piece of history, can be explored by all who stop by the site at 1st Ave. and Lake Street in the Village of Maywood; and

**WHEREAS,** In January 2018, Operation Uplift Inc awarded Mrs. Stenson the Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs Lifetime Achievement Award for her for her lifetime contribution to preserving the history within Proviso Township. It was presented to her by Perri Irmer, President of the DuSable Black History Museum and Educational Center; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, Jeri maintained her compassion and dedication for service to other by working as a SEEP employee at the Proviso Township main office. She maintained this position until her health began to wane in 2021. Mrs. Stenson passed away on September 20, 2022 at the age of 90 years young; and

**WHEREAS,** Her trailblazing contributions and dedication for service to others is a journey well taken and the her legacy and spirit will be passed on to future generations to come; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Laurietta “Jeri” Stenson; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Mrs. Laurietta “Jeri” Stenson as a sign of our honor and respect.

[22-6091](#)

**Sponsored by:** BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING LINCOLN PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE’S (LPCC) 75th ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS,** the Lincoln Park Chamber Of Commerce (LPCC) was founded 75 years ago to provide local business with access to marketing and promotional opportunities, networking and community-oriented events, business advocacy, access to discount programs and partnerships; and,

**WHEREAS,** The LPCC is a nonprofit organization of approximately 475 local businesses, institutions and professionals; and,

**WHEREAS,** the LPCC is passionate about supporting the needs of the members, local businesses and the Lincoln Park community - helping to maintain a vibrant neighborhood for everyone.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners and residents of Cook County recognize the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce’s 75th Anniversary.

[22-6092](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING PATRICK M. BLANCHARD FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE RESIDENTS OF COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Patrick M. Blanchard has enjoyed a long and highly successful career as an attorney serving the public, and particularly Cook County, in multiple ways; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick M. Blanchard was appointed Cook County's first Independent Inspector General in October 2008, after a nation-wide search; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his confirmation as Inspector General, Mr. Blanchard served as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney from March 1993 to October 2008. During his tenure, Mr. Blanchard was assigned Division Chief of the Special Litigation Division and held several other supervisory positions within the Civil Actions Bureau of the office. There his practice included Employment Law, Civil Rights, Complex Litigation and Federal Litigation. His practice encompassed all aspects of trial and appellate litigation in both the State and Federal Court system and included numerous high-profile matters. In all of these positions, he provided expert legal assistance to the members of the Cook County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past fourteen years, Mr. Blanchard has overseen Cook County's Office of Independent Inspector General which was established to detect, deter, and prevent public corruption, fraud, waste, mismanagement, unlawful political discrimination, and misconduct in the operation of Cook County government and the offices of the separately elected Cook County officials; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Mr. Blanchard, the Office of the Independent Inspector General expanded its jurisdiction pursuant to intergovernmental cooperation agreements to include the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Blanchard is a Certified Inspector General of the National Association of Inspectors General. Mr. Blanchard has previously served as the President of the Association of Inspectors General, Illinois Chapter, and in January 2015, Mr. Blanchard began serving on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Inspectors General; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Blanchard received his J.D. from the John Marshall Law School in 1990 and B.A. from Loyola University of Chicago. From 1990 to March 1993, Mr. Blanchard practiced law as an associate attorney with the Chicago firm of Clausen Miller Gorman Caffrey & Witous, P.C. concentrating in municipal law and subrogation; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Blanchard has served as a Panel Chair of the Hearing Board of the Attorney

Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Illinois Supreme Court. Mr. Blanchard also served as a Member of the Hearing Board from 2006 to 2008. Mr. Blanchard also served as an Adjunct Professor on the faculty of the Illinois Institute of Technology in its Graduate Program in Public Administration teaching Public Administration Law from 2006-2013; and

**WHEREAS**, despite his obvious dedication and commitment to his career, Mr. Blanchard is not all work. Mr. Blanchard is an avid outdoorsman, he enjoys watching his sons play basketball and golf, and is a dedicated husband; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Blanchard has been a mentor to many and is well respected for his integrity and honesty; 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 Patrick Blanchard for his years of service and expresses its sincere appreciation for the work he 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 Mr. Patrick Blanchard.

[22-6094](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 23RD THROUGH 31ST AS RED RIBBON WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program, which is celebrated across the nation the week of October 23, 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, The National Family Partnership started Red Ribbon Week after the death of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was brutally tortured and murdered in 1985 by drug traffickers he was investigating in Mexico, and

**WHEREAS**, Today, millions of citizens demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles by wearing red ribbons and participating in drug prevention activities, and

**WHEREAS**, Alcohol and drug abuse affects individuals, families, and communities across the nation, and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that visible, unified efforts by community members be launched to prevent drug abuse, and

**WHEREAS**, business, government, law enforcement, media, health care providers, religious institutions,

schools, and other community-based organizations will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by participating in drug prevention activities and wearing red ribbons, and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County would like to encourage participation in drug prevention education activities throughout the year, and not only during Red Ribbon Week, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize October 23-31, 2022 as Red Ribbon Week in 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 the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Chicago Field Division.

[22-6097](#)

**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, DONNA MILLER and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2022 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness and public knowledge of this disease, especially the importance of early detection of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, more than 281,550 women and approximately 2,650 men are diagnosed with new cases of invasive breast cancer according to the Susan G. Komen Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time there are more than 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States which includes women still being treated and those who have completed treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, for women in the United States, breast cancer death is the second leading cause of cancer death, rates are higher than those for any other cancer, besides lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the chance that a woman will die from breast cancer is about 1 in 39 (about 2.6%); and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of early breast cancer detection through mammogram screenings and increased awareness lead to the death rate decreased from 2013 to 2018 by 1%; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Cancer Society estimates that 43,600 women and 530 men will die from breast cancer in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, a woman's risk of breast cancer nearly doubles if she has a first-degree relative (mother,

sister, daughter) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, mammography screenings are still important during the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to promote breast cancer screenings and overcome barriers to healthcare access for populations with low screening rate must be at the forefront of our focus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes breast cancer patients, survivors, and their families; recognizes the courage and strength of the individuals who are battling this terrible disease; and remembers loved ones whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board President and Members of the Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize October 2022 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and recommit to increasing awareness and care for those impacted by breast cancer in Cook County; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[22-6099](#)

**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, DONNA MILLER and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COOK COUNTY RECOGNIZES OCTOBER 2022 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, October is nationally known as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and a time to uplift the experiences and resilience of survivors, as well as educate and support households experiencing this hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pattern of physical and psychological abuse, threats, intimidation, isolation, or economic coercion used by one person to exert power and control over another person in the context of a dating, familial, or household relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, intimate partner violence can happen to anyone at any point in a relationship, and affects people of all ages as well as all racial, ethnic, gender, economic, and religious backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, women are disproportionately victims of domestic violence, as 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men ages 18 and older will experience domestic violence at some point in their life; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 37.7% of women in Illinois 35.30% and 25.90% of men in Illinois experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS**, a June 2020 report from The Network indicated that there were 2,458 domestic violence related incidents documented by the Cook County Sheriff's Office in 2019 alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline received 28,749 calls for help in 2020, a 16% increase from the previous year, and there were a staggering 936 text messages requesting assistance compared to just 37 messages the year before; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence can affect anyone at any point in a relationship, and impacts people of all ages, racial, ethnic, gender, economic, and religious backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Institute for Women's Policy Research, approximately 40% of Black women and 34.4% of Latina women will endure domestic violence at some point in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, Black women experience intimate partner violence at a rate 35% higher than that of white females, and about 2.5 times the rate of women of other races and are less likely than white women to use social services, battered women's programs, or go to the hospital because of domestic violence, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Feminist Majority Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, 63% of victimized Latinas experience multiple acts of victimization, Latinx victims are less likely to tell health care workers, and Latinx victims report seeking local shelters less than women from other ethnic/racial groups due to language barriers and fear of immigration enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, noncitizen victims of domestic violence report heightened concerns with accessing law enforcement and services due to uncertainty arising from changing immigration policies and heightened immigration enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ domestic violence victims face barriers unique to their status, such as lack of access to domestic violence shelters, according to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we acknowledge the progress made in this field and embrace the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse, and recognize that more work remains until every individual is able to live free from fear; and

**WHEREAS**, this month, we recognize the unique circumstances faced by survivors and individuals facing domestic violence due to the public health crisis of COVID-19 and the negative impact it has had on the delivery of social services and access to resources; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, domestic violence hotlines across the United States receive approximately 21,000 calls a day, an average of close to 15 calls every minute; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of domestic violence who worked with advocates experienced less violence over

time, reported higher quality of life and social support, and had less difficulty obtaining community resources over time, according to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence; and

**WHEREAS**, if you or someone you love is experiencing domestic abuse of any kind you are encouraged call the Domestic Violence Hotline at (877) 863-6338; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to increase-not reduce-funding for programs aimed at intervening in and preventing domestic violence in Cook County and throughout the United States; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends domestic violence victim advocates, victim service providers, crisis hotline staff and first responders for their compassionate support of survivors of domestic violence and commits to continuing to raise awareness of domestic violence and the corresponding devastating effects of domestic violence on survivors, families, and communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners officially recognizes October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and call on the Cook County community to reaffirm their commitment to speaking out against domestic violence, assist victims in finding the help and healing they need, and work collaboratively to ending domestic violence in our community.

[22-6102](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

##### **HONORING THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF LA CASA NORTE (“LNC”)**

**WHEREAS**, La Casa Norte is a not-for-profit organization located in Humboldt Park which was established in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, La Casa Norte is a community-based organization whose mission is to serve youth and families confronting homelessness by providing access to stable housing and delivering comprehensive services that act as a catalyst to transform lives and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, La Casa Norte dreams of a world where all people have dignity, communities thrive, and everyone belongs; and

**WHEREAS**, La Casa Norte LCN provides many individuals with various types of programs based on their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, La Casa Norte provides housing support to families through Scattered-Site Supportive Housing by subsidizing apartments with wrap-around support services, through the Pierce House that offers 25 apartments that house youth and youth-led families who experienced homelessness, and through

Rapid Rehousing that provides short-term rental assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, with their transitional program in 2004, Solid Ground was one of the first housing programs in Chicago to serve male-identifying youth who experience homelessness. Residents ages 18 to 21 can live at Solid Ground for two years; and

**WHEREAS**, La Casa Norte consists of three emergency housing programs Overnight Emergency Beds serve unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, ages 18 through 24, two Drop-In Centers serve unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, ages 16 through 24 as well as providing emergency rental assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the Youth In College supports students enrolled full-time at a Chicago college or university. By providing housing, case management, academic advising, and educational resources, Youth In College ensures that youth can succeed in their educational endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, their Public Health Ambassadors help community members access vaccines and rental food, cash assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, partnering with Nourishing Hope, La Casa Norte offers *El Mercadito* food pantry which provides fresh and nutritious groceries to residents in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, at La Casa Norte's Community Center, we partner with Howard Brown Health to offer a full-service health clinic in the heart of Humboldt Park; and

**WHEREAS**, in the last year, La Casa Norte served more than 24,600 homeless and low-income Chicagoans and continues to support community members through the recovery from the pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 20th Anniversary of La Casa Norte; 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 is presented to La Casa Norte in honor of its outstanding achievements and its 20th Anniversary.

[22-6104](#)

**Sponsored by:** DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **HONORING THE LIFE OF AUDREY ANNE SCOTT ARMSTRONG**

**WHEREAS**, Audrey Anne Scott Armstrong was born February 21, 1937, to the Elder Jonah Scott and Pauline Cummings in Camden, Arkansas. She graduated from Lincoln Sr. High School in Camden,

Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, While attending Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College, now University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) on a 4H scholarship and as a home economics major, now known as Family and Consumer Sciences. Audrey met the love of her life and soulmate Oscar James Armstrong; and

**WHEREAS**, Audrey and Oscar married in Chicago September 5, 1957, after completing their junior year at Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College.

**WHEREAS**, Audrey graduated from Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College with a B.S. degree in Homes Economics. As the top student in her major, Audrey was offered an opportunity by the head of her department to become the first black faculty at Little Rock Central High School. But she declined that offer to join her husband in Chicago, which she never regretted. Audrey graduated from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with an M.S. in Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Audrey had a prolific career of teaching in the Suburban Public School System, Cook County School District 130. Audrey retired in 1997 after 34 years of service. Audrey maintained 51 years of membership in the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She traveled North America widely to conferences pertinent to her field and obtained certification in Family and Consumer Science; and

**WHEREAS**, Audrey was a dedicated Church Mother of St. James Ministries Church of God In Christ, where she served in various departments; Follow Up Ministry, Financial Secretary, Computer and Sunday School Instructor. She was one of St. James Ministries most successful fundraiser. Audrey always provided some financial support to the college students who came home during their breaks; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Audrey Anne Scott Armstrong received her heavenly reward February 20, 2022. A great woman who was always busy working for God-WELL DONE THEY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT; and

**WHEREAS**, Besides her children Ingrid and Mark, Audrey is survived by granddaughters Eris Y. Doweary, Nia S. Doweary, sisters, sister-in-law, former School District 130 colleague Diane Parham, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends and her St. James Ministries family; and

**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 friends of Mrs. Audrey Scott Armstrong.

**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 Mrs. Audrey Scott Armstrong, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.