



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

Consent Agenda

Thursday, November 17, 2022, 10:00 AM

Third Set

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING COMMISSIONER DEBORAH SIMS

WHEREAS, Commissioner Deborah Sims will vacate her seat on the Cook County Board of Commissioners after twenty-eight (28) years of exceptional service to the residents of the 5th District; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sims was first elected to the Cook County Board of Commissioners in December of 1994, making her the longest serving Black woman; and

WHEREAS, after nearly thirty years of service, Commissioner Sims remained steadfast in her commitment and advocacy on behalf of the residents of the 5th District, which spans parts of the Chicago Far South Side and some south suburbs.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sims is proud to have led efforts in her district around economic development, equitable healthcare and improved water infrastructure, she lists among her greatest accomplishments securing new public health clinics in Blue Island and Robbins and overseeing the development of Cook County's domestic violence court; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sims has served as President Pro Tempore of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, Chair of the Transportation Committee and Finance Subcommittee on Tax Delinquency, and Vice-Chair of Finance and Labor. Thanks to her leadership and nearly 30 years of experience, Commissioner Sims has been instrumental in passing countless resolutions and ordinances that have directly improved the lives of Cook County's most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sims attended Chicago Public Schools and the City Colleges of Chicago. She has dedicated her professional life serving to public service. First, holding positions with the City of Chicago Department of Human Services as a Youth Intervention Worker and Youth Service Coordinator. Both positions involved working with Chicago Public Schools, Youth Service Agencies and teenagers on the South Side; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sims has held leadership positions on various Boards, including the National Association of Counties (NACo), the National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO), the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) and NeighborSpace. She received an Honorary Associate of Arts degree from South Suburban College and is a proud member of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their sincere and grateful appreciation to Commissioner Deborah Sims for her exemplary career in public service and wish her their best for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; 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 Commissioner Deborah Sims.

[22-6533](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING COMMISSIONER LUIS ARROYO JR.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Luis Arroyo Jr. was first elected in 2014 to represent the 8th district and sworn in as the youngest Commissioner to serve in the Cook County Board; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Luis Arroyo Jr. will vacate his seat on the Cook County Board of Commissioners after nearly eight years of public service to the residents of the 8th district, and

WHEREAS, during Commissioner Arroyo's second term as Commissioner for the 8th Cook County District. With the start of the new term, he was appointed by President Preckwinkle as floor leader for the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Arroyo's has had great impact on the life of many residents and improved County operations through his various leadership roles most notably as Chairperson of the Labor Committee, where he has been instrumental in ensuring that services for the residents of the County are offered by well trained and appropriately compensated workers while at the same time maintaining the right size of workforce and a balanced overall budget.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Arroyo has made great impact in his other leadership roles as Vice Chairperson of Asset Management, Health and Hospitals, and Transportation committee, as well as is a member of the Criminal Justice, Emergency Management and Regional Security, Finance, Veterans, and Zoning and Building Committees; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Arroyo most notably has secured several multi-million dollars for transportation and road resurfacing projects, and advocated for the new Belmont-Cragin Health Center a 25,000-square-foot health center offers pediatric and adult primary care and women's health, as well as

specialty care services such as cardiology and endocrinology for residents, more recently the Belmont-Cragin Health Center has recently been used to provide health services for recently arrived asylum seekers; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Arroyo is a lifelong Chicagoan, born and raised in the historical neighborhood of Humboldt Park, with his wife Desiree and two children Jocelyn and Jaiden; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their sincere and grateful appreciation to Commissioner Luis Arroyo, Jr. for his exemplary career, advocacy and in public service and on the Cook County Board of Commissioners and send their best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; 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 Commissioner Luis Arroyo, Jr.

[22-6532](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING COMMISSIONER PETER SILVESTRI

WHEREAS, Commissioner Peter Silvestri will be retiring from his seat as Commissioner of the 9th District of Cook County after 28 years of dedicated, cheerful service; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Silvestri has been a proud resident of Elmwood Park since 1971; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Silvestri received his Bachelor of Arts degree from DePaul University and Juris Doctor from the DePaul University College of Law; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure as Cook County Commissioner of the 9th District, Commissioner Silvestri became the then-youngest person in Illinois elected to a Local School Council when at the age of 20 we won a seat on the Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Silvestri continued his service to his community as a member of the Zoning Board, Plan Commission, Civic Foundation, and as village trustee before his election to village president; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Silvestri joined the Board of Commissioners in December of 1994, and has

faithfully represented the constituents of the 9th district for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Silvestri brought a measured and passionate energy to the board, striving to represent everyone in his district with dignity and fairness; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Silvestri is a dedicated public servant, leading with kindness, humor, compassion; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Silvestri has always been a staunch advocate for fairness and accountability, as evidenced by his measured approach to the Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance, and ensuring that all parties felt heard; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Silvestri has prided himself on the ability to look at legislation in terms of how it affects his constituents and how it affects the county overall; and

WHEREAS, while we wish nothing but the utmost happiness in retirement, Commissioner Silvestri's presence on the board will be sorely missed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend our sincere and grateful appreciation to Commissioner Peter Silvestri for his service on the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and our best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; 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 Commissioner Silvestri.

[22-6531](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING COMMISSIONER LARRY SUFFREDIN

WHEREAS, after twenty (20) years of exemplary service as a public servant, Commissioner Larry Suffredin will vacate his seat as Cook County Commissioner of the 13th district; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Suffredin was the first of eight children born and raised in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, he is a lifelong resident of Chicagoland, received a bachelor's degree from Loyola University and a Law Degree from Georgetown University, and is a highly successful attorney including

serving as a public defender as well as arguing cases before the United States Supreme Court and Illinois Supreme Court. He served as a Captain in the United States Air Force Reserve. He and his wife, Gloria Callaci, live in Evanston and have two grown children, Tom and Elizabeth.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Suffredin's leadership and contributions to Cook County are immeasurable and have positively impacted present and future generations of Cook County residents. As chairperson of the Cook County Committee on Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, he has sponsored and supported countless advancements that have positively impacted and improved County operations and ultimately improved the well being of Cook County residents; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Suffredin sponsored Ordinances and Resolutions which Created the successful Independent Health and Hospital Board; Codified County laws for the first time; saved the old County Hospital Building from demolition; banned assault weapons; Sponsored raising the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$13; Changed the leadership structure for the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center; Created an Independent Inspector General; and Created an Eviction and Mortgage Foreclosures Court protocol; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Suffredin brought a measured, factual, visionary, and passionate energy to the board; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Suffredin has always taken his fiduciary responsibility seriously, working to ensure that all taxation is fair; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Suffredin has lead with compassion, and dedicated his years of service to putting good governing over politics; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Suffredin is the definition of a statesman: he knows you can disagree without being disagreeable, and his leadership has become a staple of heated disputes; and

WHEREAS, while we wish nothing but the utmost happiness in retirement, Commissioner Suffredin's presence on the board will be sorely missed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and Members of the Cook County Board Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their sincere and grateful appreciation to Commissioner Larry Suffredin for his exemplary career in public service and their best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; 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 Commissioner Larry Suffredin.

[22-6556](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE THETA OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED® ON ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, the Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was chartered in Chicago, Illinois on November 5, 1922, as the eighth graduate chapter by six visionary and dedicated women: Clara Vesta Caldwell, Ida Taylor Jones, Bertha Mosely Lewis, Eva Overton Lewis, Geraldyn Hodges Major and Helen Kathleen Perry; and

WHEREAS, these six exceptional women set Theta Omega's standard for excellence and brought prestige and prominence to the newly chartered chapter through their own individual and group participation in education, career, community and cultural pursuits; and

WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, members of the Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha have continued in this tradition, honoring the legacy of the women who came before them by prioritizing and strengthening programming in education, health, economic development, the arts and politics; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 1981, Theta Omega established the AKArara Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit entity to further extend Alpha Kappa Alpha's reach within the community through volunteerism, collaboration, and programs that bolster the economic, educational, cultural and health of communities; and

WHEREAS, AKArara's signature programs include Student And Family Empowerment/Ascending Young Pearls, a program designed to provide support to students and families in Woodlawn, as well as a legal clinic, which provides free legal assistance to residents in need; and

WHEREAS, Theta Omega is proud to carry on Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President, a proud member of Theta Omega, and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor the Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® on its Centennial celebration and 100 years of "Sisterhood and Service"; and

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

[22-6540](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, 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 THE MOTHER MCAULEY “MIGHTY MACS” ON THEIR HISTORIC 2022 VOLLEYBALL SEASON

WHEREAS on November 12, 2022, the Mother McAuley volleyball team known as the “Mighty Macs” defeated the Benet Academy volleyball team in the Class 4A final in Redbird Arena to win the program’s record 16th Illinois State Championship; and

WHEREAS the “Mighty Macs” played a challenging schedule during the 2022 season ending with a record 39-3; and

WHEREAS the “Mighty Macs” also won both the prestigious Asics Challenge and the Louisville Invitational Volleyball Tournament (LIVT) that hosted teams from around the country including Nebraska, Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio, and Missouri; and

WHEREAS the “Mighty Macs” State Championship was their 16th Championship and first since 2016; and

WHEREAS the “Mighty Macs” ended the season ranked 8th in the nation in the rankings provided by BlueStar Media Net 25 Rankings; and

WHEREAS the Mother McAuley volleyball program has, most importantly, helped the players learn the value of teamwork and self-discipline, and develop the leadership skills necessary to succeed on and off the volleyball court; and

WHEREAS under the guidance of coaches of Jen DeJarld and Meg Gardner, the “Mighty Macs” team of Olivia Urbon, Maeve Egan, Mary Hannon, Samantha Falk, Gigi Navarrete, Ellie White, Ellery Rees, Georgia Lausch, Morgan Feil, Najwa Williams, Grace Zaper, Olivia Klapp, Tess Hayes, Steph Theis, Keira Ohse, Mary Kate Sheehan, Sydney Buchanan, Maeve Moonan, Jill Moonan and Managers Maura Reidy and Mia Micelli, has consistently and diligently worked toward the goal of winning the Illinois state title and in the process they have brought great joy to their school, their community, the City of Chicago and the County of Cook; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby congratulate the Mother McAuley “Mighty Macs” on their historic achievement this season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the players and coaches of the “Mighty Macs” to commemorate their historic 2022 season.

[22-6547](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING NORTHBROOK PARK DISTRICT FOR THEIR ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS AWARDS

WHEREAS, the Northbrook Park District is the proud recipient of three awards 200 from the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD): 15 Year Commissioner Service, Best Friend of Illinois Parks, and Best Green Practices; and

WHEREAS, IAPD recognized Commissioner Michael Ziering for his 15 years of service as an elected member of the Park Board of Commissioners during which he has served as Board Vice President, Board President, and Chair of the Golf Operations Committee; and

WHEREAS, Northbrook Park District was also presented with the Best Friend of Illinois Park Award, celebrating their belief that every resident should have the opportunity to participate in recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, Northbrook Park District committed to this mission by partnering with the Northbrook Bank & Trust Company to fund a scholarship and to host several large community events including free summer concerts and festivals; and

WHEREAS, the partnership has always thousand of people to enjoy a sense of community, something that is needed now more than ever; and

WHEREAS, IAPD lauded Northbrook Park District’s commitment to green infrastructure with the Best Green Practices Award; and

WHEREAS, this is the second year in a row that the Northbrook Park District has received this esteemed award; and

WHEREAS, this year, Northbrook Park District collaborated with ComEd to replace light fixtures with new, reliable, resilient and energy-efficient LED fixtures at eight separate District locations; and

WHEREAS, upon completion, this undertaking is projected to save the District nearly 3.8 gigawatt-hours of electricity a year, which is equivalent to reducing more than 3.2 million pounds of carbon emissions,

planting nearly 1,800 acres of trees or removing more than 300 cars from the road; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby congratulate the Northbrook Park District on this impressive and well-deserved achievement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the Northbrook Park District as a means of conveying our congratulations.