



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

Consent Agenda

Thursday, April 27, 2023, 10:00 AM

Fourth Set

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Sponsored by: BRIDGET DEGNEN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING LIAM DONNELLY, FOUNDER OF WASTENOT COMPOST, FOR HIS DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Liam Donnelly, resident of the 12th District of Cook County, grew up composting his household waste. When he took a job as a dishwasher at a local café in 2012, he volunteered to take the business' compost home every night and add it to his family's compost pile; and

WHEREAS, other commercial businesses took notice and asked if Liam could pick up their composting as well. In response, at the age of 15, Liam Donnelly co-founded WasteNot Compost with Lauren Kaszuba, a high school classmate; and

WHEREAS, WasteNot Compost first serviced 12 households and three cafes. Liam Donnelly used his bicycle to tow a small trailer and hauled five-gallon compost bins to avoid vehicle emissions. As the business grew to 500 residential customers and 50 businesses, using a bicycle became less and less feasible; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2018, WasteNot Compost launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise money to purchase an electric van. By September, 2018, the campaign raised \$11,115 and WasteNot Compost purchased its first electric van; and

WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings, WasteNot Compost has grown exponentially and now has over 7,000 clients across Cook County. WasteNot Compost is Chicagoland's leading compost collection provider and one of the largest electric fleet owners in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in September 2021, WasteNot Compost partnered with Clark Street Composts as the service provider for more than 20 businesses throughout Andersonville. The pilot program was funded by the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce to encourage more businesses to compost food scraps, hair, paper products, and other compostable waste; and

WHEREAS, Liam Donnelly and WasteNot Compost have received a number of prestigious awards. In 2022, Liam Donnelly was named one of Crain's Notable Leaders in Sustainability. WasteNot Compost has been ranked the #1 compost collection service in the United States for three years running by TreeHugger.com. WasteNot Compost recently received the People's Choice Award from the Chicago's Innovation Awards;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board President and the Cook County Board of

Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honor and celebrate Liam Donnelly for his achievements and leadership in environmental sustainability and the success of WasteNot Compost; 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 Liam Donnelly and WasteNot Compost.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING REBECCA RESMAN, FOUNDER OF CHICAGO FAMILY BIKING, FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN BIKE SAFETY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Rebecca Resman, a resident of the 12th District of Cook County, has personally and professionally advocated for safer streets for over 15 years, focusing on youth biking, assisting bike crash victims and co-leading the Roscoe Village Kidical Mass bike ride since 2013; and

WHEREAS, while Rebecca Resman has enjoyed biking since childhood, she fell in love with riding in Chicago as a college student with limited transportation options for getting around the city. Knowing the joy and convenience cycling brings to her life, Rebecca Resman is committed to encouraging others to bike while making it safer for them to do so; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Rebecca Resman founded Chicago Family Biking, a coalition of parents, community organizers, and educators who seek to empower families to bike. With the help of countless volunteers, the group engages thousands of people online and host events throughout the year, such as Chicago's Kidical Mass rides, where families come together to bike through their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Family Biking advocates for safe biking by providing online resource guides and educational tools on how to ride safely with children and teaching children how to ride on their own; and

WHEREAS, the group also works to improve biking conditions for all Chicagoans by advocating for better biking infrastructure, traffic calming measures, and holding driver's accountable for dangerous behavior; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Family Biking has hosted hundreds of events in more than 16 neighborhoods in Chicago, and nearby suburbs, all open to the public and free to attend. Events have included family bike rides, family bike campouts, Bike to School Day and Chicago Family Bike Fest; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Family Biking was instrumental in the creation of Safe Streets for All, a group of organizations that advocate for safer streets, better biking infrastructure, transportation equity, transit

improvements, and climate action;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honor and celebrate Rebecca Resman for her dedication to bike safety and equity and the work of Chicago Family Biking; 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 Rebecca Resman and Chicago Family Biking.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BEANS & BAGELS AS A CHAMPION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, operating since 1994, Beans & Bagels is a coffee and bagel shop located at 2601 West Leland Avenue, in District 12 of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Beans & Bagels is known not only for its bagels and baked goods, house-made cream cheeses and spreads, organic, direct-sourced coffees, and local, seasonal ingredients, but also for its sincere efforts in environmentally responsible and sustainability business practices; and

WHEREAS, Beans & Bagels strives to be a model for businesses, working towards existing as a zero waste restaurant, dramatically reducing its carbon footprint, eliminating the use of single-use plastics, and embracing a circular and regenerative economic model; and

WHEREAS, recently Beans & Bagels started a reusable travel mug program, allowing customers to check out reusable mugs for \$5, which is refunded upon its return, eliminating the need for disposable cups. They seek to expand this model for other items where disposable packaging is used; and

WHEREAS, Beans & Bagel's reusable cup program and elimination of single use plastics earned it Three-Star Blue Verification by Oceanic Global's Blue Standard in December 2022, the highest level of certification offered; and

WHEREAS, Beans & Bagels has received many additional awards celebrating its dedication to ethical and sustainable practices, including Chicago Circular Economy Leaders Network Member 2022, Living Wage for US Tier II Certification 2022, Slow Food USA Snail of Approval Award 2021, Green Restaurant Association 3 Star Rating Retained 2021, Chicago Reader's Best of Chicago Reader's Poll 2021, Chicago Food Bracket Best Bagels 2021, Green Restaurant Association 3 Star Rated Restaurant Awarded 2018, and Time Out Chicago's Love Chicago Award Runner Up 2016; and

WHEREAS, on Earth Day 2022, Beans & Bagels pledged to decarbonize its business by the start of 2024 by completing the electrification of all operations and sourcing all electricity used from renewables. They plan to scale up by engaging with suppliers and collaborating on how they too may decarbonize thereby reducing its greenhouse gas emissions even further; and

WHEREAS, Beans & Bagels prides itself on being environmentally minded, quality focused, and community centered, preparing good food and quality coffee, and making the world a bit better day-by-day, while serving as a model for other businesses who seek to do the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honor and celebrate Beans & Bagels for its dedication to the environment and sustainability; 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 Beans & Bagels.