



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

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, June 29, 2023, 10:00 AM**

[23-3594](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A TRIBUTE RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF SUSANNA B. MILLER**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recognize the contributions of Susanna B. Miller who faithfully served in the Office of the Medical Examiner; and

**WHEREAS**, Susanna B. Miller served with distinction as Toxicologist in the Cook County Office of the Medical Examiner from 1983-2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Susanna B. Miller served during the early days of the Medical Examiner's Office under the leadership of Dr. Robert J. Stein; and

**WHEREAS**, Susanna B. Miller demonstrated leadership and worked several cases of high priority during her 20-year tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Susanna B. Miller retired from the Cook County Medical Examiner's office graded as a Toxicologist II and recognized as the first African American to serve that post; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby salutes the accomplishments of Susanna B. Miller in the field of Forensic Toxicology and service to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office; 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 Susanna B. Miller.

[23-3396](#)

**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HOFFMAN ESTATES TRUSTEE MICHAEL J. GAETA, IN MEMORIUM**

**WHEREAS**, former Hoffman Estates Trustee Michael Gaeta was a cherished son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, and colleague; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael was the beloved husband of his wife, Johanna Gaeta; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael was the proud father to Michael Gaeta, Michelle Tomsovic, and Matthew Gaeta; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael was the cherished grandfather of Michael Gaeta, Samantha Jo Ondrovic, Tommy Tomsovic, and Nikki Tomsovic; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael was the beloved great grandfather of Kayleigh, Payton Ann, Michael, Owen and Evan; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and went on to later obtain an associate degree from Fenn Community College in Cleveland; and

**WHEREAS,** after high school he joined the U.S. Army, during which time he was stationed in West Germany for two and a half years, and later went on to be a longtime member of the Civil Air Patrol, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, put in charge of search and rescue missions, and eventually owned an airplane and was an instrument-rated pilot; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael was elected to the Hoffman Estates Village Board in 2013 and won reelection in 2017 and 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** as Trustee, he served as chairman of the Public Health and Safety Committee, was co-chair of the Village Green Ad-Hoc Committee, served as the Hoffman Estates' representative on the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, and was a member of the Village's Commission for Senior Citizens. Before serving in an elected role, Michael had served as the President and founder of the homeowners association for Haverford Place; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael sadly left us on May 21st, 2023;

**WHEREAS,** Michael was so beloved among family and friends that his legacy should be memorialized and remembered; 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 many friends of Michael Gaeta and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners sends their sincerest thanks to former Hoffman Estates Trustee Michael Gaeta and his family for his dedication to the people of Hoffman Estates; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to the family of former Hoffman Estates Trustee Michael Gaeta that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[23-3557](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING RAYMOND POLAKOWSKI'S 100TH BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Raymond Polakowski is celebrating his 100th Birthday on July 19, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond Polakowski lived on Quinn Street for 99 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond Polakowski was the youngest of five children; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond Polakowski was married to the love of his life, Irene for 58 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond Polakowski had four children; and

**WHEREAS** Raymond Polakowski's family continued to grow adding 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond Polakowski was a shift foreman for Container Corporation of America where he retired in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond Polakowski was very involved in St. Barbara Parish and was an usher for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond Polakowski was well known on Quinn Street and often referred to as Ray, Mr. P and the Mayor of Quinn Street; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Raymond Polakowski on the occasion of his 100th Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, 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 Raymond Polakowski to commemorate this joyous occasion.

[23-3606](#)

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE TRINITY**

**WHEREAS**, the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity was established in 1865 as the first Lutheran church on Chicago's near South Side, and

**WHEREAS**, the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity is the oldest Christian congregation in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago, and

**WHEREAS**, the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity was originally located on the southeast corner of 25th Place and South Canal, and

**WHEREAS**, the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity was built at its current site at 643 West 31st Street in Chicago in 1913, and

**WHEREAS**, the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity established several branch schools to serve the students of the local community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Senior pastors of First Trinity were Ferdinand Doederlein (1866-1877), Louis Lochner (1877-1909), Arthur Both (1910-52), Harold Lachmann (1953-58), Albert Rolf (1959-62), Adam Dietrich (1963-67), Gerald Peppler (1967-78), Ronald Nitz (1979-86), Jonathan Breimeier (1986-95), William Hall (1995-97), Thomas Gaulke (2009-2018), Nicolette 'Nic' Peñaranda (2018-2021) and Christina M. Montgomery (current), and

**WHEREAS**, the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity has also served as a community center which hosted various community events including clothing drives, art, and music festivals, and

**WHEREAS**, the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity was the first parish to elect a female president of the congregation, and

**WHEREAS**, the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity voted to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation welcoming lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender parishioners in 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity has long served the residents of the Bridgeport neighborhood and has been active promoting services for the area, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of

this Honorable Body, and that a suitable copy of same be tendered to the members of First Lutheran Church of the Trinity in solemn commemoration of the many years of worship and service and in grateful acknowledgment of the important contributions made by the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity in the Bridgeport community.

[23-3607](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF TERESA LYNN SANTIAGO**

**WHEREAS,** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst Teresa “Terri” Lynn Santiago, nee Flammang, on June 14, 2023, at the age of 62; and

**WHEREAS,** Terri attended Lane Tech High School in Chicago and after graduation pursued a degree in nursing; and

**WHEREAS,** upon earning her nursing degree, Terri attained a position at Old Irving Community Clinic, at which she accepted a lesser salary than she was capable of earning in order to serve the uninsured and underinsured thus starting her path toward helping others always; and

**WHEREAS,** while working at the clinic, she also coached several medical students from DePaul University, who worked at the clinic and said they would have never made it through medical school without her guidance; and

**WHEREAS,** Terri served at the clinic for over 8 years, and Dr. Charles Martinez, who opened the clinic expressed he never could have had the success he did in providing for the underserved without Terri’s help; and

**WHEREAS,** most recently, Terri worked as a Nursing Director at St. Coletta for the past 11 years, where she helped and consoled many on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS,** Terri was the most selfless, giving, and loving person who was always looking for a way to help someone if it was in her power to do so, whether it be family, friend, or stranger; and

**WHEREAS,** Terri was passionate about making sure everyone had everything they needed and then some, particularly at Christmas, as evidenced by her Angel Team, which held annual Christmas gift events for the homeless, distributing 1000’s of gifts to homeless men, women and children in Chicagoland shelters for 23 years making sure every gift was individually wrapped with a handwritten gift tag reading “To a Special Man, Woman or Child and signed “Love, Your Angel”; and

**WHEREAS**, Terri was always smiling, always hugging, always giving her last before considering herself, and will be missed by many;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of Teresa Lynn Santiago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Teresa Lynn Santiago so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[23-3615](#)

**Sponsored by:** ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORKERS AND MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS AS THEY NEGOTIATE A NEW CONTRACT WITH UNITED PARCEL SERVICE (UPS)**

**WHEREAS**, 12,000 members of Teamsters Local 705 work for United Parcel Service (UPS) in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the collective bargaining agreement between Local 705 and UPS expires at midnight, August 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Local 705's contract with UPS expires at the same time as the rest of the Teamsters' contracts with UPS, which covers 340,000 workers across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Teamsters nationally elected new leadership recently, the Teamsters United Slate, on a platform of building a fighting union that can not only win stronger contracts but also a stronger working class, including electing Local 705's principal officer Juan Campos as International Vice President; and

**WHEREAS**, the Teamsters' militant and rank and file leadership have spent the last year debating, deliberating, and organizing in anticipation of this contract fight; and

**WHEREAS**, UPS Teamsters are fighting to eliminate the second tier of package car drivers, known as "22.4 drivers," who make less money and have less stability in their jobs and schedules than regular package car drivers, to ensure that all package car drivers are treated the same; and

**WHEREAS**, UPS Teamsters are fighting to end part-time poverty, ensuring that the thousands of UPS employees who work part-time are paid dignified wages, so they do not have to struggle to make ends meet for themselves and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, UPS Teamsters are fighting UPS's efforts to outsource deliveries to non-union, precarious

“gig” workers who deliver out of the back of their own personal vehicles, forcing them to take on the cost and risk of the work while being paid even less than the value of their labor; and

**WHEREAS**, UPS Teamsters are fighting to ensure that all UPS workplaces are healthy and safe by guaranteeing that UPS install air conditioning into all of their trucks and warehouses to combat the impacts of climate change as it continues to create more dangerously hot days; and

**WHEREAS**, UPS Teamsters are fighting against the use of invasive surveillance technologies like driver-facing cameras that prevent workers from having a single moment of privacy during their workdays; and

**WHEREAS**, UPS Teamsters are fighting to ensure that UPS recognizes the history of the Black Freedom Struggle by making Martin Luther King Day and Juneteenth paid holidays; and

**WHEREAS**, the fight over the UPS contract is a fight that will affect all working people in Cook County and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the demands that UPS Teamsters are fighting for, like living wages, reliable and stable jobs, and healthy and safe workplaces, are the same demands that working-class people across Cook County and the U.S. need to improve their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, 6% of the gross domestic product (GDP) of the US depends on the labor of UPS’s employees;

**WHEREAS**, UPS, which reported 11.3 billion dollars in record-breaking profits in 2022, is fighting the union mightily, trying to maximize their corporate profits on the backs of workers; and

**WHEREAS**, major capitalist institutions like Vanguard and BlackRock, who own a majority of UPS, know that if they continue neglecting precarious and dangerous working conditions for these unionized workers by prioritizing their profits over the needs of the workers, they can replicate this profit-driven model over working people across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, while UPS Teamsters hope that UPS will agree to a fair contract, they are prepared to go on strike if need be and have already authorized a strike by 97%; and

**WHEREAS**, if UPS Teamsters go on strike, it will be the largest strike in the United States since the last UPS Teamsters strike in 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is a proud union county; and

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of Cook County residents are working class, who face many of the same issues that these UPS workers do.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, stand in steadfast solidarity



with Teamsters at UPS in Cook County and across the country in their fight for a fair contract; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if these workers find it necessary to go on strike to obtain a fair contract from UPS, we will support them in their struggle, including joining them on the picket line; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, we encourage all working people in Cook County to stand with these workers in their fight in any way they can.

[23-3699](#)

**Sponsored by:** ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and BRIDGET DEGNEN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE IRVING PARK YMCA LEADERS CLUB**

**WHEREAS**, the founder of the Irving Park YMCA Leaders Club, Lauren Reed, was motivated to start the chapter in 2013 as a volunteer after having a positive experiencing with her Leaders Club growing up; and

**WHEREAS**, the Leaders Club is a teen-led group that meets regularly to make the world a better place, choosing their projects based on the interests and passions of the group with guidance and support from an adult advisor; and

**WHEREAS**, the club goes far beyond their mission as a volunteer-based club by providing an opportunity for the youth to structure the club based on their own personal and professional growth and needs, making each cohort and year with the club unique; and

**WHEREAS**, the club emphasizes civic leadership through their list of guest speakers that include government leaders within Cook County & the City of Chicago and opportunities to connect with them for professional & educational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, these youth leaders valiantly stepped up and partnered with organizations to strengthen their Chicago neighborhoods by participating in mutual aid, helping residents complete rental assistant applications, and providing youth perspective in community forums; and

**WHEREAS**, youth leaders have created and led many community events, such as a Truly Open Mic Night which made space for youth within their community to speak their minds and express their talents; and

**WHEREAS**, the club has become a safe space for youth to fully embrace themselves and to be seen & heard by their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the club has been able to keep a network of alumni because of the large, positive, and irreplaceable impact the club has made in their lives, with some alumni coming back to support the club

directly or even become staff members and support them in the long run; and

**WHEREAS**, the youth leaders have expressed their most sincere gratitude to Lauren for going beyond the role as a club advisor by providing each of them guidance on how they can build strong foundations for their bright futures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the Irving Park YMCA Leaders Club for devoting their time to improve the communities they come from; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the organization as an expression of our gratitude and esteem.

[23-3700](#)

**Sponsored by:** ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CHICAGO'S 1966 AND 1977 DIVISION STREET "RIOTS" - THE DIVISION STREET PUERTO RICAN REBELLION**

**WHEREAS**, Chicago's vibrant Puerto Rican community, comprised of 120,000 people, has grown as a stronghold for community organizing after two major events of civil unrest dubbed as the Division Street "riots" of 1966 and 1977, which were the result of its historical socio-economic political marginalization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division Street riots were multiple days of civil urban rebellion between June 12-14, 1966 and June 4-5, 1977 in the "Greater Humboldt Park" communities of Humboldt Park, West Town, Hermosa and Logan Square; and

**WHEREAS**, tensions have been high within the Puerto Rican community during the 1950s, '60s, and '70s as they faced spatial de-concentration in the form of gentrification in Lincoln Park, Wicker Park, and Bucktown, housing discrimination based on the color of their skin and their ethnicity (as well as arson on properties for profit and red-lining), health inequity, high unemployment, police brutality, poor educational resources, and a sense of neglect, abandonment, and marginalization by the City of Chicago and local institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 1966, the inaugural Puerto Rican Parade took place in Chicago's downtown Loop, and that same day, a community member named Cruz Arcelis was shot by a white Chicago Police patrolman on Damen and Division Street. Community members gathered to help Mr. Arcelis with his injury while others came in immediate defense against the police officers involved; and on June 4, 1977, Rafael Cruz and Julio Osorio were assassinated by the Chicago police in Humboldt Park following the 11th Puerto Rican Parade downtown, and the Puerto Rican community once again rose up against this injustice and the overwhelming presence in the area of 500 policemen with canine dogs; and

**WHEREAS**, following both “riots,” the community organized itself to address the plight of the Puerto Rican people in Chicago, the United States of America, and in the island of Puerto Rico; and in the case of the 1977, the incident that began the Puerto Rican People’s Day Parade, which this year marked its 45th anniversary.

**WHEREAS**, in the 1966 case, a series of organizations were created, including the Spanish Action Committee of Chicago (SACC), the Northwest Community Organization, the First Congregational Church of Chicago (led by Jose A. Torres, the only Puerto Rican and Latino to march with Martin Luther King in Selma), and in Lincoln Park -- the Young Lords Organization (YLO) to address the plight of the Puerto Rican people in Chicago, the United States of America, and in the island of Puerto Rico; and

**WHEREAS**, after these Division Street “riots”, the community has made progressive strides in achieving equity and the self-determination for the Puerto Rican people including the creation of Paseo Boricua, the cultural and commercial heartbeat of Puerto Rican Chicago, encased by the world largest flags of steel -- a monument to the Puerto Rican national emblem and now part of Chicago’s Landmark legacy; but leaders still recognize that much of the factors that have incited the “riots” still remain.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the 1966 and 1977 Division Street Puerto Rican uprising as a paramount event that helped further ethnic and racial equity in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners praise the county’s Puerto Rican organizations for continuing their advocacy for a more just and equitable Cook County.

[23-3617](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RECOGNIZING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE HIGHLAND PARK SHOOTING**

**WHEREAS**, the Fourth of July is traditionally celebrated with parades and festivities; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, tragedy struck as a gunman utilized a high-powered rifle to open fire on the crowd gathered to celebrate the holiday in Highland Park; and

**WHEREAS**, in a matter of moments this horrific event took the lives of seven individuals, and injured dozens more; and

**WHEREAS**, we remember the names of those whose lives were taken too soon: Katherine Goldstein; Irina and Kevin McCarthy; Jacquelyn Sundheim; Stephen Straus; Nicolas Toledo-Zaragoza; and Eduardo Uvaldo. May their memory be a blessing; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the first responders who sprung into action without a moment’s hesitation,

tending to the wounded and working to secure the premises; and

**WHEREAS**, we laud the trauma surgeons, nurses, and doctors at Highland Park Hospital, who have sadly had to train for moments like this one, and who worked tirelessly to aid those coming in through their doors; and

**WHEREAS**, we lift up the Highland Park community, under the leadership of Mayor Nancy Rotering, who banded together in the face of tragedy to help strangers and neighbors alike, both on the day of the shooting, and in the weeks and months ahead; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a tragic fact that horrific gun violence happens on a daily basis in Chicago, in Cook County, and throughout our nation - and sadly in stark contrast quite often without garnering a similar sympathetic response. Per the Gun Violence Archive, there have been 311 mass shootings through mid-June alone; and

**WHEREAS**, we cannot continue to stand idly by as we lose community members to entirely preventable gun violence at parades, in their homes, at the grocery store, on the playground, in movie theaters, at schools, or in their places of worship; and

**WHEREAS**, we must commit to enacting common sense gun laws, expanding access to mental health care, and eradicating hate that is all too pervasive in our day to day lives; and

**WHEREAS**, these are lofty goals are essential to the well-being of our communities and their residents. Without action, we are doing a great disservice to those who have lost their lives to senseless gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, to community support and solidarity, the Highland Park community will again gather this 4th of July for a remembrance ceremony followed by a community walk of the 2022 parade route as a sign of resilience; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners expresses its support of the strength and spirit of the Highland Park community as they continue to heal from last year's gun violence; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby vow to support efforts that reduce gun violence, expand access to mental health resources, fight against hate, and create positive opportunities for young people; 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 same be tendered to the Village of Highland Park as a means of communicating our unwavering support.