



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

Consent Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, August 3, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-4387

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF BERNARDA “BERNIE” WONG AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE CHINESE AMERICAN SERVICE LEAGUE

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Bernarda “Bernie” Wong is retiring as the President & CEO of the Chinese American Service League; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was born and raised in Hong Kong and came to the United States in 1962 to get her degree in social work from Blair Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong completed her master’s degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong worked as a social worker in Chicago’s Chinatown community; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong and a small group of dedicated Chinese American friends came together to bridge the gap in services for Chinese Americans in Chicago and formed the Chinese American Service League in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong became President and CEO of the Chinese American Service League; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Bernarda “Bernie” Wong, the Chinese American Service League has become the largest, most comprehensive, social service agency in the Midwest dedicated to serving the needs of Chinese Americans; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was instrumental in growing the Chinese American Service League into an organization with 500 multilingual and multicultural staffers that offers vital physical, economic, mental and social support services; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of Bernarda “Bernie” Wong has helped numerous Chinese American Service League clients become thriving members of the greater Chicago Community and productive members of society; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Bernarda “Bernie” Wong on the occasion of her retirement, and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her 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 Bernarda “Bernie” Wong to commemorate this joyous occasion.

16-4537

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY and JERRY BUTLER, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT FOR BEING AWARDED TWO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES “2016 ACHIEVEMENT” AWARDS

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Facilities Management’s mission is to maintain, operate, service, clean, and repair County properties and operating equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Facilities Management is responsible for providing the personnel and supervision needed to remodel, rehabilitate, construct, and install the various facilities, offices, equipment, and devices needed to keep all properties functioning; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Facilities Management recently has been awarded the National Association of Counties (NACo) *2016 Achievement Award* for the program entitled, “Facilities Management Pre-Apprentice Program”; and

WHEREAS, this innovative skilled trades program, with endorsement of President Preckwinkle and the County Board of Commissioners, is coordinated with the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC), the Cook County Painters’ District Council #14, the International Brotherhood of Painters, Allied Trades, Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, and Dawson Skill Center; provides trades exposure, hands-on training, and high school credit for detained youth; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2015, the Cook County Department of Facilities Management began pre-vocational training; and

WHEREAS, the youth cohorts have successfully completed their pre-apprenticeship and have the ability to start the process towards becoming a full apprentice painter and the directional support to pursue any trade; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Facilities Management recently has been awarded a second National Association of Counties (NACo) *2016 Achievement Award* for their programs entitled, “Facilities Management Overtime Reduction”; and

WHEREAS, this innovative program has helped streamline Facilities Management workflow to decrease the amount of overtime hours required; and

WHEREAS, the “Facilities Management Overtime Reduction” program has saved Cook County \$350,000-\$400,000 per year since 2014, totaling \$1,200,000 for a 50% reduction in overall overtime costs; and

WHEREAS, the “Facilities Management Overtime Reduction” program has also helped with overall innovation in performing maintenance and repair services to County properties and operating equipment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Bilqis Jacobs-El, Department Director and the entire staff of the Cook County Department of Facilities Management, for their receipt of these distinguished national awards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body in appreciation of the outstanding work performed by the Cook County Department of Facilities Management in the course of performing its duties needed to keep all Cook County properties functioning efficiently and effectively.

16-4628

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF RAY AND PAT MURPHY

WHEREAS on July 30, 2016, Ray and Pat Murphy will together celebrate 50 years of marital bliss; and

WHEREAS Ray and Pat Murphy first met at a bowling alley in 1965 and were engaged later that year; and

WHEREAS Ray and Pat Murphy exchanged their vows of marriage at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in Chicago on July 30, 1966, and have remained devoted parishioners since that day; and

WHEREAS Ray and Pat Murphy are the loving parents of John and Margaret and during the course of their lives together as a family, they provided a nurturing and caring home in which to raise their children; and

WHEREAS Ray and Pat Murphy cherish their role as grandparents are immensely proud of their three grandchildren, Dennis, Amanda and Patsy; and

WHEREAS Ray and Pat Murphy have shared 50 years of marriage in loving and constant devotion to one another, truly exemplifying the spirit of the Sacrament of Matrimony, and serving as a model of inspiration to their children, grandchildren, and all who know them; and

WHEREAS Ray and Pat Murphy have celebrated their 1st, 25th, 40th and 50th Anniversaries by renewing their vows at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS Ray and Pat Murphy are richly deserving of the fond wishes from their family and many friends as they mark this marital milestone; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board extends its warmest congratulations to Ray and Pat Murphy on the joyous occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, and wishes them many more years of happiness together; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to Ray and Pat Murphy to commemorate this happy event.

16-4647

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**HONORING RICK TANKSLEY, CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK,
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Rick Tanksley, a native Oak Parker who was raised in the Village of Oak Park, joined the ranks of the Oak Park Police Department as a police officer in 1984; and,

WHEREAS, Rick Tanksley, in recognition of his dedication and skill in the field of law enforcement, ascended to the rank of Commander in 1989, and Deputy Chief in 1993; and,

WHEREAS, Rick Tanksley's superior leadership and police work were acknowledged by his community in 2001, when he was named Oak Park's 11th Chief of Police; and,

WHEREAS, Rick Tanksley has been an innovator in the area of community policing, spearheading the Oak Park Police Department's Resident Beat Officer program in 1995; and,

WHEREAS, Rick Tanksley's approach to law enforcement has always been community-based, rooted in respect for the residents of the Village, and a commitment to transparency and accessibility; and,

WHEREAS, In 2010, under Chief Tanksley's leadership, the Oak Park Police Department became one of the first law enforcement agencies in the United States to conduct a citizen satisfaction survey; and,

WHEREAS, in recent years, citizens, both within in the Village of Oak Park, and in other communities, have looked to the Oak Park Police Department in general, and Chief Tanksley in particular, to provide insights into how local police departments can build productive, positive relationships with the communities they police;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the president and Cook County Board of Commissioners offer sincere congratulations to Rick Tanksley, Chief of Police for the Village of Oak Park, on a distinguished 33-year career of dedicated service to the Village of Oak Park, and wish Chief Tanksley the very best on all of his future endeavors.

16-4666

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CONGRATULATING KARL BRINSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Karl Brinson has spent the last 24 years of his career as an exemplary and well respected Planner for Cook County; and,

WHEREAS, Karl Brinson's outstanding record of service to Cook County has been matched by an equally outstanding record of community service to the West Side of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, Karl Brinson has served as president to the Moore Park Advisory Council for close to 30 years; and,

WHEREAS, Karl Brinson is an active member of St. Martin DePorres Catholic Church, where he currently serves on the Parish Council; and,

WHEREAS, Karl Brinson has served with passion and distinction as the President of the West Side Branch of the NAACP for the past 10 years; and,

WHEREAS, Karl Brinson's commitment to his community and his service to Cook County have impacted both his community and the County in numerous positive ways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Karl Brinson is to be congratulated on his retirement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sincere appreciation of the Cook County Board of Commissioners is to be extended to Karl Brinson for his service to his community and Cook County.

16-4667

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF NELROY LYNCH

WHEREAS, Nelroy Lynch was the fifth child born to Mrs. Jimmie and Mr. Tom Lynch on July 26, 1926, in Hazlehurst, MS, and is celebrating his 90th birthday, and;

WHEREAS, Nelroy was raised in Argo-Summit, Illinois and attended Argo Community High School, and;

WHEREAS, Nelroy met the absolute love of his life, Mary Ruth Austin, while attending a church service at Waymon African Methodist Episcopal Church in Chicago. Mary and Nelroy married in 1949 and settled down in Argo-Summit, eventually welcoming their daughter, Beverly, who has definitely made them proud beyond their expectations. According to Nelroy, Beverly's greatest accomplishment was marrying Lawrence Butler and giving birth to Mary and Nelroy's two very dearly beloved grandchildren, Mary-Ellen and Hilaree, who have made them even prouder, and;

WHEREAS, family has always been important to Nelroy and he is lovingly known as Uncle TD. He is especially close to Willie & Eunice, Ethel & Ron, Sam & Doris, Jacque & John, Joni & Phil, Dale & Lee, Virgie & Charles, and JoAnne. He is also Uncle TD to a host of great nephews and nieces. He is and always has been "Partners in Crime" with his dear cousins, Aunt Pat & Uncle Benny, and;

WHEREAS, Nelroy worked for Inland Steel, which later became Van Lear, and retired from there after years of dedicated service, and;

WHEREAS, Nelroy never was one to sit still for too long; he has always found ways to remain active long after retirement. He fished; he often volunteered to drive his grandchildren to and from school and volunteered to place the traffic horses out at the school; he delights in celebrating milestones and special occasions with loved ones; and, to this day, he grabs his snow blower and lawnmower and tends to not only his lawn, but the lawns and walkways of many of his fellow Argo residents as well, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate Nelroy Lynch on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

16-4668

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING AUGUST 1ST AS ANNUAL FAMILY DAY

WHEREAS, Family Day is an annual holiday that is acknowledged every year on August 1st as a day to honor the true importance and value that a family brings each of us; and

WHEREAS, Family day is a specific time set aside to give reverence and respect to the group that shapes our identity, our thoughts, behavior, and action; and

WHEREAS, Family Organization Concentrating on Unity and Strength (F.O.C.U.S.) puts the highest regard to Family Day; celebrating it as an opportunity for us to give special thanks to our fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and all those who guided, cared, nurtured, and loved us; and

WHEREAS, F.O.C.U.S.'s Family Day offers a special moment for everyone to come together as family, with family, while enjoying each other's company; and

WHEREAS, F.O.C.U.S. believes that Family Day is also a time to discuss ideas on how to strengthen the family. It is a day to talk, plan, and reminisce; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, August 6, 2016, the Family Organization Concentrating on Unity and Strength will hold its annual Family Day in Chicago, Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that August 1st may be acknowledged a Family Day in Chicago in celebration of the invaluable contribution of family.