



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

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 9:00 AM

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Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE ‘TIME’S UP’ MOVEMENT

WHEREAS, TIME’S UP launched on January 1, 2018 as a unified call for change from women in entertainment for women everywhere. From movie sets to farm fields to legislatures alike, TIME’S UP envisions nationwide leadership that reflects the world in which we live; and,

WHEREAS, TIME’S UP stands with all those who have endured sexual harassment: those who have come forward and those who have decided to remain quiet; and,

WHEREAS, Powered by women, TIME’S UP addresses the systemic inequality and injustice in the workplace that have kept underrepresented groups from reaching their full potential; and,

WHEREAS, Sexual harassment is pervasive across industries, but especially in low-wage service jobs. For example, more than 25% of sexual harassment charges filed with the EEOC in the last decade came from industries with service-sector workers; and,

WHEREAS, TIME’S UP partners with leading advocates for equality and safety to improve laws, employment agreements, and corporate policies; help change the face of corporate boardrooms and the C-suite; and enable more women and men to access our legal system to hold wrongdoers accountable; and,

WHEREAS, TIME’S UP Legal Defense Fund provides subsidized legal support to women and men who have experienced sexual harassment, assault, or abuse in the workplace and while in pursuit of their careers; and,

WHEREAS, The time is up for silence; and,

WHEREAS, The time is up for waiting; and,

WHEREAS, The time is up for tolerance for discrimination, harassment or abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Cook County Board of Commissioners salutes the women who founded TIME’S UP and that Cook County recognizes the importance of ending sexual assault, harassment and inequality in the workplace.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING UPTOWN'S CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

WHEREAS, Cornerstone Community Outreach (CCO) is a Illinois not-for-profit organization, founded in 1989, to raise the quality of life for low-income residents in the Uptown area of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, since its founding, CCO has welcomed Chicago's homeless residents to provide shelter to families, single women and single men by providing a safe place for residents to recover from the streets and to move toward permanent housing and self-sufficiency; and,

WHEREAS, CCO's programs serve nearly 500 men, women and children daily and with Cornerstone's help these families and individuals can begin to build a new life, one step at a time; and,

WHEREAS, Many neighbors come to CCO with very little clothing for themselves and their children, therefore CCO allows neighbors and shelter residents to shop for essential clothing and household items at their Free Store; and,

WHEREAS, CCO's Dinner Guest Program serves a free nutritious meal to 100-150 of their low-income neighbors every Saturday to allow individuals to fellowship and create community together; and,

WHEREAS, CCO offers mental health counseling and on-site nursing visits to meet the physical- and mental-health needs of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, Parenting, life-skills, and computer classes are provided through CCO and give a safe place to share life experiences, gain new tools to rebuild their lives, allow residents to create resumes, improve typing skills, and explore the internet for employment and housing opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, CCO residents ages 5-12 attend the after-school program three afternoons a week which offers tutoring, educational encouragement and a safe, fun environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends Cornerstone Community Outreach for the work it does for Chicagoland residents and to make Uptown and its surrounding communities a more healthy and productive place to live.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE WOMEN’S MARCH TO THE POLLS

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2017, over 250,000 women and allies showed up to the Women’s March in Chicago to raise their voices for issues each of us hold dear which embodied the ongoing fight for women’s rights; and,

WHEREAS, to mark its one year anniversary, on January 20, 2018, women and allies will come together in downtown Chicago to celebrate the spirit of the resistance efforts over the past year and unite to focus on the 2018 elections and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, the fight for women’s rights through political engagement continues and the march will also serve as a kick-off for programming that empowers voters to support women’s rights and social justice; and,

WHEREAS, Women’s March on Chicago brings together women and allies in support of women’s rights including equal rights, equal pay, reproductive justice, affordable healthcare, affordable childcare, racial justice, voting rights, freedom from violence, LGBTQ+ rights, immigrant rights, fair wages, access for persons with disabilities, environmental protections, and other critical areas of focus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners honors the organizers of the Women’s March to the polls and the individuals that have stood up for women’s rights in Cook County.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING EQUALITY ILLINOIS' ANNUAL GALA, THE MIDWEST'S LARGEST LGBT FORMAL CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, Equality Illinois was founded in 1991 as the Illinois Federation for Human Rights to secure, protect and defend the basic civil rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer and questioning transgender (LGBTQ) Illinoisans; and,

WHEREAS, The name was changed to Equality Illinois in 2000, and the organization has grown to become the state's oldest and largest LGBTQ equality organization; and,

WHEREAS, Equality Illinois envisions a fair and unified Illinois where everyone is treated with dignity and respect and where all people live freely regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity or gender expression; and,

WHEREAS, In 2000, Equality Illinois created the Equality Illinois Education Project, their 501(c)(3) arm, to focus on the educational and charitable aspects of the mission.

WHEREAS, The name of the 501(c)(3) was changed to Equality Illinois Institute in 2016 to better reflect our role engaging and educating the public, government and private establishments about equality; and,

WHEREAS, The non-partisan Equality Illinois Political Action Committee was formed to promote candidates for public office who will advocate for and support legislation that advances full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning individuals and families; and,

WHEREAS, each year Equality Illinois hosts a gala to benefit the ongoing LGBTQ civil rights work of Equality Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2018 more than 1,200 LGBTQ Illinoisans and allies are expected to gather for the Equality Illinois 2018 Gala and the Midwest's largest LGBTQ formal celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends the work of Equality Illinois for the LGBTQ community of Cook County and wishes it success with its 2018 Gala.