



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Consent Agenda

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR JOSEPH BERRIOS

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios is concluding his tenure as Cook County Assessor to the residents of Cook County on November 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios was born in Chicago on Valentine’s Day, 1952 and is one of seven children; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios, at the age of six, moved with his family to a public housing high-rise in Cabrini-Green; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios is an alumni of Lane Tech High School and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in accounting from the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios lives on Chicago’s northwest side and is the father of three children and has three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios’ life of public service began in 1982 when he was the first Hispanic-American elected to serve in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios served taxpayers at the Cook County Board of Review for 30 years and was elected Commissioner in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios was elected Cook County Assessor in 2010 and re-elected in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios shortened the assessment cycle to ensure the timely mailing of tax bills for the first time in 34 years, saving school districts and municipalities tens of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios’ Erroneous Exemption Unit has collected \$37 million and billed \$59 million billed to date, after legislation he crafted made this possible - with money being returned to local taxing bodies; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios initiated legislation that became law expanding exemption savings for veterans, homeowners and seniors in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios increased assessment workshops county wide, working with elected officials, organizations and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS Joseph Berrios worked to improve residential assessment modeling, developing and utilizing an improved model for the 2018 City of Chicago reassessment; 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 Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios for his service and our best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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 Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING COOK COUNTY CLERK DAVID ORR

WHEREAS, David Orr is concluding his tenure as Cook County Clerk on November 30, 2018 after 28 outstanding years of public service to the residents of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Orr has been a progressive voice in Chicago politics for more than 35 years, starting with his aldermanic career of the 49th Ward in City of Chicago in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Clerk Orr became Mayor of the City of Chicago after the sudden passing of then Mayor Harold Washington; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Clerk Orr was elected to office of Cook County Clerk, an office responsible for one of the largest election districts in the United States; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Clerk Orr has ushered in a Voter Renaissance in Illinois making voter registration and voting easier and more accessible statewide; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Orr led the fight to implement the Motor Voter law in Illinois as well as introduced Early Voting legislation that now allows voters in Illinois to cast their ballots two weeks prior to an election; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Orr promoted passage of a statewide law that allows junior and senior high school students to serve as election judges, part of the Clerk's Teen Democracy Program; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Orr has used technology to improve customer service and save the county and taxpayers money, such as consolidating City and County vital records; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Orr created the free Running for Office Starter Kit which allows suburban Cook County residents to view the elected offices they are eligible to run for and receive the necessary information and documentation to complete the challenging process of running for office; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Orr worked closely with legislative leaders and civil rights groups to bring marriage equality to Illinois, efforts through which more than 14,000 same sex couples have gotten married in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of public service, Clerk Orr has been dedicated to the needs and values of the residents of Cook County;

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

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 Cook County Clerk David Orr.

[18-6970](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING CRYSTAL BARNES AND ARK PRODUCTIONS FOR CREATING *THE LAW OF MOISES* FEATURE FILM

WHEREAS, Crystal Barnes received her Bachelor of the Arts in Theater and Communications from Temple University, and is Master of Fine Arts Candidate at Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, Crystal completed her master's degree in Non-Profit Management at Spertus College, but taught herself the business of entertainment, social media and film marketing; and

WHEREAS, Crystal started Ark Productions 15 years ago to create works that inspire, motivate and change, and to provide women an opportunity to use their craft and advocate for careers that will transform perspectives and culture; and

WHEREAS, Ark Productions has Chicago-specific production goals to use local talent and vendors to bring in revenue that support local businesses primarily on the south and west sides of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Ark Productions exists to create films in which people of color and differently-abled people have the opportunity to be in the spotlight where they might otherwise only be an after-thought or the ever-present stereotype; and

WHEREAS, *The Law of Moises* , the first full length feature film by Ark Productions, is a film about a troubled young filmmaker desperate to escape his hometown who discovers his destiny is to save it; and

WHEREAS, Ark Productions' goal is to develop 2-3 feature films per year and create a mentoring program for women 30 years and older; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Crystal Barnes and Ark Productions and praise its essential contribution to the cultural viability of Cook County.

[18-6971](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING GREATER AUBURN-GRESHAM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, since 2001, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation has provided comprehensive community development services to Auburn Gresham and surrounding communities to improve the quality of life for south side residents in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation focuses its efforts on five pillars: Economic Development, Housing and Senior Services, Education and Youth Development, Health and Wellness, and Community Engagement; and

WHEREAS, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation has been providing free income tax preparation services since 2004, serving more than 15,000 clients and bringing back more than \$20 million in refunds to low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation created and has grown the 79th Street Renaissance Festival into an iconic, multi-day community event with family fun for all ages; and

WHEREAS, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation provides free minor home repairs for senior citizens to help them live comfortably; and

WHEREAS, through its Housing and Seniors Services program, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation has invested \$2 million to improve the homes of more than 400 seniors since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation created Auburn Gresham GOLD, a community-driven education plan that provides after school programming, math and literacy summer camps and year-round support to students and parents to improve the educational outcomes in Auburn Gresham schools; and

WHEREAS, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation is redeveloping a long vacant building at 839-45 West 79th Street into the Auburn Gresham Healthy Lifestyle Hub, bringing more than 100 living wage jobs to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Lifestyle Hub will increase the community's quality of life through increased access to health and wellness services, educational and technology enhancements, and community development services to youth, seniors, families and disenfranchised community members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honor Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation and praise its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

[18-6987](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING JERALYN HARRIS 50TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Ms. Jeralyn Harris was born November 3, 1968 in Springfield MA; and

WHEREAS, Jeralyn spent her formal childhood years in Springfield MA as well as Baltimore, MD; and

WHEREAS, Jeralyn was selected valedictorian from her high school and was voted most likely to succeed. In addition at 19 years of age Jeralyn was featured on the Phil Donahue Show for a program she founded to help stop teenage pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, Jeralyn graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in English Education. She has later completed two additional masters degrees as is currently in the process of completing her doctorate degree; and

WHEREAS, For over 28 years Mrs. Harris has dedicated herself to the development of youth through education, spiritual development, and exposure to worlds beyond their norm; and

WHEREAS, She has served as Principal of Chicago Westside Christian School and teacher in the North

Lawndale Community for 21 years where she has educated and uplifted thousands of individuals and families in Cook County and still continues to push for the enhancement and improvement of all families within her community; and

WHEREAS, Principal Harris has touched the lives of countless individuals throughout the many years of service, often turning down opportunities for increased revenue and stayed committed to her commitment to serving youth; and

WHEREAS, She has traveled extensively with her students throughout the United States. She has taken over 60 groups of young men and women on tours through the country providing them with opportunities first hand of what they have studied in their various classrooms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County congratulate Ms. Jeralyn Harris on the occasion of her 50th birthday and proclaim November 3, 2018 as Jeralyn Harris day in Cook County and wish her continued health and happiness and also for her dedication and commitment to shaping our future leaders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution is shared upon the official body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to Ms. Jeralyn Harris in honor of this auspicious occasion

[18-6988](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED MEN OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC. FOR THEIR FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, On the evening of November 17, 1911, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded inside the Science Building (later renamed Thirkield Hall) at Howard University located in Washington, D.C. The founders were three undergraduates -- Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Ernest Everett Just; and

WHEREAS, from the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, "friendship is essential to the soul". The name Omega Psi Phi was derived. That phrase was selected as the motto; and

WHEREAS, The Cardinal Principles of Omega Psi Phi are Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift; and

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college; and

WHEREAS, Notable members include Michael Jordan, Langston Hughes, Percy Julian, Tom Joyner, L

Douglas Wilder, and Cook County's own Robert B. Steele, Dennis Deer and John Roberson; and

WHEREAS, Everyone life has been touched by a Man of Omega Psi Phi, one member, Dr. Charles Drew, perfected the use of blood plasma, which led to the establishment of Blood Banks. These Blood Banks save millions of lives every year; and

WHEREAS, Members are Politicians, Scientists, Mentors, Fathers, Entrepreneurs, Entertainers, and Community Leaders. Members include the First African-American Olympian, William DeHart Hubbard and Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who established what we know today as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, There are ten active Chapters Chartered in Cook County, Sigma Omega, Iota, Epsilon Eta, Rho Gamma Gamma, Theta Kappa Kappa, Chi Lambda Lambda, Omicron Mu Mu, and Rho Mu Mu, Mu XI, NU PI; and

WHEREAS, Every year, these Chapters donate over \$100,000 in scholarships to high school students, donate hundreds of pints of blood, Mentors young people, and contributes over \$50,000 to the College Endowment Funds; and

WHEREAS, Chapters also conduct Voter Registration, Education, and Mobilization drives, highlight the best high school talent for the annual Talent Hunt, and Social Action Programs; and

WHEREAS, Omegas has sent over 2000 pounds of food, clothes, and medical supplies to Haiti after the Earthquake hit in 2010. In addition, held one of Cook County's largest water drives for Flint, Michigan, collecting and sending over 10 semi-trucks of water and supplies and also one of Cook County's largest relief drives for Houston, Texas, after Hurricane Harvey. Delivers thousands of Christmas Presents to children of incarcerated parents; and

WHEREAS, Omegas conduct education on health Initiatives focusing on Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, and other prevalent issues effecting the residents of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, The Men of Omega Psi Phi have held Ques4Peace marches throughout Cook County to fight youth violence; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, November 17, 2018, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will celebrate their Founders Day where individuals are recognized for their contributions to Community Uplift via Citizen of the Year and Omega Man of the Year awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the 5.4 million residents of Cook County take great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the men of Omega Psi Phi for their leadership, dedication and commitment and hereby proclaim November 17, 2018 as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Day in Cook County and herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in honor of this auspicious occasion.

[18-6967](#)

Sponsored by: EDWARD M. MOODY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING JOHN DAKAJOS

WHEREAS, John Dakajos followed in his father's footsteps, taking over the business that's been in their family for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, John has 7 McDonalds located through Chicago's south side and suburbs and has been active in all of the communities they are located in; and

WHEREAS, John has and continues to be very involved with the school and other organizations in all of those communities including Alsip and Oak Lawn by doing fund raisers, school orders, sponsoring schools and youth athletics, and donations to community events; and

WHEREAS, John has donated over \$30,000 in cash and food this year alone and over many years has averaged over \$25,000 in such donations; and

WHEREAS, John has received numerous awards of the years from McDonald's including the QSC (Quality, Service, Cleanliness) award that recognizes high level of operations, the Comp Sales Awards and Guest Count Increases recognizing sales increases and guest count increases, the Outstanding Execution Award for improving and maintaining high levels of operations in restaurants; and

WHEREAS, John has and continue to be a large contributor to Ronald McDonald Charities which provides resource and stability for families everywhere;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does honor John Dakajos for his many years of hard work dedicated service to his communities with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to John Dakajos a small token of appreciation for his continued service to the citizens of Cook County.

[18-7002](#)

Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ELNORA OVERTON ATHALONE ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, The members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to congratulate Elnora Overton Athalone, an esteemed Cook County resident on the occasion of the celebration of her 100th birthday on November 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Elnora Overton Athalone was born in Tunica County, Mississippi on November 9, 1918; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Athalone comes from a very close knit and loving family as the middle child of Sam and Willie Overton where she was raised in the church; and

WHEREAS, Elnora Overton Athalone is the proud and loving mother to seven children, one son and six daughters; and

WHEREAS, In December of 1938, Elnora Overton married Henry Athalone and they enjoyed 56 years of marriage together until his death in March of 1995; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, Elnora and her family moved to the South Side of Chicago. This was during the period of The Great Migration and Elnora helped numerous family members by opening up her own home to help them get their new start in the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Elnora's home was the place where most of her 19 grandchildren spent their days and some of their nights before they reached school age. Along with her 19 grandchildren, Elnora has over 50 Great and Great-Great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Elnora enjoyed cooking for her family, especially her passion for baking cakes and peach cobbler, and she is presently a member of Sweet Holy Spirit Church; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners joins with her family and friends in extending our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Elnora Overton Athalone on the occasion of her 100th birthday; that we commend her on achieving a long and fulfilling life and enriching the lives of everyone she came into contact with, and we wish her continued happiness and good health in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Elnora Overton

Athalone as a token of our true admiration for her.

[18-7012](#)

Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DANIEL JOSEPH LITTON FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Commissioners is pleased to recognize outstanding achievement and dedication; and

WHEREAS, In August 1911, The Boy Scouts of America established the rank of Eagle Scout which is the highest title that can be attained by a Boy Scout; and

WHEREAS, In order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout must first earn at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate Scout Spirit through community service and leadership, including an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads and manages; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Joseph Litton, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 1373 of Palos Hills where he has earned a total of 32 merit badges. Daniel has spent ten years in the scouting program and has served in numerous leadership capacities which include Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Librarian, Chaplain's Aide and Troop Guide; and

WHEREAS, Scouting has provided numerous community service opportunities for Daniel to participate in such as Feed My Starving Children, the NALC Food Drive, the Special Olympics and Honor Flights for veterans at Midway Airport; and

WHEREAS, For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Daniel created the "Kits for Kids" service project which entailed the gathering of school supplies, story books, activity books, hygiene items, dental informational packets, snacks, and games. These items were assembled by Daniel and his fellow scouts into over 100 gift bags for children, ages 6-12, which were distributed to the Operation Blessing food pantry where Daniel had volunteered previously; and

WHEREAS, Daniel's commitment extends beyond Boy Scouts and into his education where he has served on Student Council as the chairman of the Missions and service Committee where he has led blood drives, food drives, hunger awareness events and a St. Baldrick's fundraiser which raised over \$8,000; and

WHEREAS, Daniel has excelled in his education where he has earned a 4.29 cumulative GPA over the course of his high school career which has qualified him for both the Honor Roll and National Honors Society; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that we join the community, family and friends of Daniel Joseph Litton in expressing our sincere pride and admiration and congratulations on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Daniel Joseph Litton.

[18-6986](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS J. ROSS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM PACE

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ross will retire on November 30, 2018 from Pace. Pace is the suburban bus and regional paratransit division of the Regional Transportation Authority in the Chicago metropolitan area that serves tens of thousands of daily riders and 284 municipalities. For over twenty years TJ Ross has diligently served the citizens of Cook County and further has the distinction of not missing a single Pace Board Meeting during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ross began his service to Pace Suburban Bus in 1998 as the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross's leadership was instrumental in the I-90 Market Expansion Program, the largest service expansion in Pace history which included the State of Illinois's first inline (on highway) bus station; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross brought bike racks to Pace buses and oversaw the conversion of Pace's fixed route fleet to accessible low-floor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross introduced Transit Signal Priority (TSP) to the region with Pace's South Cook County TSP Program, resulting in more reliable service; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross converted Pace's South Division to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), reducing emissions and saving \$1.2 million dollars annually in fuel; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross led Pace during the launch of Ventra, Pace's first real-time information signs, dozens of new bus routes, and hundreds of vanpools; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross successfully transferred Chicago ADA Paratransit Service from the CTA to Pace, stabilizing the system and improving service; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross leaves Pace with the appreciation and good wishes of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring Thomas J. Ross on his retirement from Pace and herewith honors and thanks him for all that he has done bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; 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 Thomas J. Ross.