



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

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 9:00 AM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Third Set

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF MERCY HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER SHOOTING

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2018 a senseless shooting took place at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, on that tragic day, we lost three beloved public servants: City of Chicago Police Officer Samuel Jimenez, Dr. Tamara O'Neal of Mercy Hospital, and Dr. Dayna Less, Pharmacy resident for Mercy Hospital; and

WHEREAS, P.O. Samuel Jimenez was a loving and giving person, always willing to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, P.O. Samuel Jimenez was a graduate of Northeastern Illinois University and a graduate of Foreman High School; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Samuel Jimenez joined the Chicago Police Department to protect and serve the people of the city he grew up in; and

WHEREAS, P.O. Samuel Jimenez heard the call about an active shooter at Mercy Hospital and did not hesitate to rush to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, P.O. Samuel Jimenez is remembered by his wife and high school sweetheart, Crystal, his three children, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tamara O'Neal, known for her helpful spirit, smile and voice, dedicated her life to serving and saving the life of others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tamara O'Neal graduated from LaPorte High School in 1998 and continued to study at Purdue University, Southern Illinois University and University of Illinois at Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tamara O'Neal was determined to become a doctor, and during medical school formed a group called the "OHQ", one hitter quitters, encouraging medical students to pass their exams on the first try; and

WHEREAS, after graduation medical school, Dr. Tamara O'Neal's helpful spirit extended to volunteering doing blood pressure screenings or doing high school physicals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tamara O'Neal, a devout Christian, was the choir coordinator for Christian Fellowship Worship Center in LaPorte, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tamara O'Neal is remembered by her family, friends, colleagues and everyone whom she helped save; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dayna Less was a strong, loving person who lived her life to the fullest and, when faced with adversity, used it to help others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dayna Less at age 17 created a blog, Mydaughtersheadache.com, as a support network and hope for others experiencing chronic headaches, which helped hundreds of people, mostly adolescents, find real help and healing; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dayna Less was a graduate of Purdue University, where she pursued the Doctor of Pharmacy program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dayna Less' kindness and willingness to help the less fortunate extended all the way to Kenya where she worked in a hospital for two months with Purdue University, during the time of a Kenyan Doctor strike.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dayna Less also volunteered at local state fair and immunization events by providing blood pressure screenings, coordinated children's activities at public library events, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity after hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, and was a camp counselor for St. Sava; and

WHEREAS, people across the City of Chicago, the County of Cook and the rest of the nation mourn the loss of these benevolent public servants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do extend their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the families of City of Chicago Police Officer Samuel Jimenez, Dr. Tamara O'Neal, and Dr. Dayna Less.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING CHRISTMAS IN THE WARDS

WHEREAS, since 1996, *Christmas in the Wards* serves the needs of our area's most vulnerable children and families in the South and West Sides of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, *Christmas in the Wards* brings smiles, joy, and the true spirit of the holidays to thousands of deserving families by personally shopping for each family; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Larry Huggins, CEO and owner of Riteway-Huggins Construction and Everett Rand, President and CEO of Midway Wholesale Beverage, Inc., *Christmas in the Wards* has raised almost two million dollars through sponsorships, donations and in-kind contributions; and

WHEREAS, this year, *Christmas in the Wards* began a “Laptops for Students Campaign” with support levels so all members of the community, from individuals to businesses, can participate; and

WHEREAS, the support *Christmas in the Wards* provides to local families in Chicago and around Cook County during this time of year ensures that thousands will share in the happiness and magic of the holiday season; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize *Christmas in the Wards* for its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; 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 *Christmas in the Wards*.

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING NORTH LAWDALE COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL (NLCCC)

WHEREAS, The North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council(NLCCC) is a group of North Lawndale stakeholders, including community-based organizations, business owners, elected officials and individuals that have come together to guide comprehensive planning and implementation in North Lawndale Community Area 29; and

WHEREAS, NLCCC mission is to improve the physical, economic and social fiber of the local community through strategic and comprehensive planning, civic engagement and implementation of stakeholder-driven initiatives; and

WHEREAS, NLCCC continuously develop and execute bold community-driven solutions with input of an engaged community that questions assumptions and challenges the status quo; and

WHEREAS, NLCCC envisions North Lawndale as a healthy, vibrant community with a diversified and innovative economy, competitive work force, engaged citizens and infrastructure that support long term and sustainable growth; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating Council's work is led by a steering committee that guides the strategic direction of the group; develops mechanisms for decision making; provides a framework for comprehensive planning and related processes and makes policy recommendations. The nuts and bolts of the Coordinating Council's work is carried out by sub-committees, that are organized along various quality of life sectors; and

WHEREAS, On November 1, 2018 the official unveiling of the Quality of Life Plan for North Lawndale was held. "The Plan" the first of its kind for North Lawndale in over 50 years was developed through two yearlong collaborations between the neighborhood residents, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), and Local Initiatives Support Corporation Chicago (LISC).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners as well as the Board of Commissioners along with the 5.3 million residents of Cook County do hereby recognized North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council for their invaluable, dedication and commitment to the residents of the North Lawndale community for their contribution in creating a compressive plan that will bring forth a flourishing growth in the economy, a competitive workforce and long term support for the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to Mr. Rodney Brown and Mrs. Sheila McNary Executive Leadership representing the North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council and copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ASIAHA BUTLER FOR HER LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE GREATER ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Asiaha Butler is a Grassroots Community Strategist, Facilitator, and Education Activist; and

WHEREAS, Asiaha Butler is a longtime resident of Greater Englewood and is determined to uplift, inspire, and change the perception of her neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, She coined the name "MRS. Englewood" after developing a blog that focused on the positive aspects of Greater Englewood and considers herself married to the community; and

WHEREAS, Through her dedication, passion and leadership she has worked with educators, concerned citizens, youth, parents, and elected officials to develop a comprehensive educational plan for schools in the community as well as engage residents in housing strategies, school repurposing efforts and other

community development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, In November 2010, Asiaha Butler mobilized residents and co-founded the Resident of Greater Englewood also known as R.A.G.E., which she currently serves as President; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, she co-founded the Greater Englewood CDC with the mission to rebrand, rebuild and revitalize the economic conditions of the Englewood community; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Ms. Butler earned her Master Degree in Inner City Studies at Jacob Carruthers Center of Inner City Studies of Northeastern University Illinois; and

WHEREAS, She serves on numerous boards and councils through her neighborhood such as: Advisory Council member of Benefit Chicago, Member of New Englewood High School Steering Committee; President of Hamilton Park Advisory Council, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Asiaha Butler has been the receipt of numerous awards throughout her career. They include the 2017 Englewood Enterprise Award from DL3 Realty, 2016 Community Champion Award from Molina Healthcare, and the 2016 Woman of the Year Award from Psi Psi Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government acknowledges Asiaha Butler for transforming lives through community engagement

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners as well as the Board of Commissioners along with the 5.3 million residents of Cook County do hereby recognized Ms. Asiaha Butler for her invaluable, leadership, dedication and commitment to the residents of Greater Englewood and herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to Ms. Asiaha Butler and copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion.