



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

Consent Agenda

Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 9:00 AM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Second Set

[19-3079](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PASTOR VÍCTOR HUGO RODRÍGUEZ

WHEREAS, Pastor Víctor Hugo Rodríguez, affectionately known to community members as “Pastor Vic,” was born on January 16, 1967 in Nuevo Ideal, Durango, México to Juana and Emigdio Rodríguez; and

WHEREAS, as a young child, he and his family moved to the Little Village community on the Southwest Side of Chicago, a neighborhood for which he developed a life-long love and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic first met his wife, Magdalena, in January 1990 at Holy Trinity Church in Chicago. They were married for 27 years and were blessed with two sons and a nephew whom they regarded as a son: Víctor, Isaih, and Luis Alberto Perales; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic was a graduate of Christian Life College in Mount Prospect, Illinois, and was in full-time ministry for 26 years. He pastored the local body of La Villita Community Church for the past 20 years, and

WHEREAS, while Pastor Vic’s service began in the Church, he also felt a sincere calling to assist in advancing his community and was passionate about developing the next generation of local leaders; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic was a cornerstone of the La Villita community and a man who truly loved and served his community and was devoted to speaking truth and enacting social justice; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic’s work addressed pressing community issues such as violence prevention to youth development, health and wellness, domestic violence, and the expansion of homeownership as a way to combat gentrification; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic was on the Board of Directors of various community and religious organizations that included Lawndale Christian Health Center and *Un Nuevo Despertar*, as well as involvement with *Comunidad en Acción*; and

WHEREAS, notably, Pastor Vic founded the Chicago Youth Boxing Club in the basement of La Villita Community Church, which has developed young leaders and athletes with a focus on service and leadership, and has even established a satellite boxing program in México; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic passed on February 11, 2019 surrounded by his family and friends. His love and

service to La Villita will be remembered through his long-lasting contributions to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The President and Board of Commissioners assembled today do hereby express their sincere gratitude for the community work and contributions of Pastor Víctor Hugo Rodríguez throughout his life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon this honorable body and be presented to the family and friends of Pastor Víctor Hugo Rodríguez and the La Villita Community Church.

[19-3080](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF DENIM DAY

WHEREAS, April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men in the United States (U.S.) are survivors of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Crisis Centers serves an average of 10,000 survivors of sexual violence each year; and

WHEREAS, a survey from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control from the CDC reported that 43.6% of women in the U.S. experienced some form of contact sexual violence, and 23 million women in the U.S. are survivors of completed or attempted rape at some point in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics National Crime Victimization Survey: only 230 of every 1,000 rapes are reported, only 46 of every 1,000 rapes lead to arrest, and only 5 of every 1,000 rapes lead to conviction in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, Peace Over Violence, a sexual and domestic violence prevention center headquartered in Los Angeles, California, has hosted the Denim Day campaign on a Wednesday in April in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Denim Day story begins in Italy in 1992, when an 18-year old girl was raped by the 45-year old driving instructor who was taking her on her very first driving lesson. He took her to an isolated road, pulled her out of the car, removed her jeans and raped her; and

WHEREAS, after she reported the rape, the perpetrator was arrested, prosecuted, and convicted of rape and sentenced to jail; and

WHEREAS, years later, that conviction was overturned by the Italian Supreme Court using the “jeans alibi” - according to the justices, the woman was wearing tight jeans, therefore she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, thereby implying consent; and

WHEREAS, the following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the survivor; and

WHEREAS, the Denim Day campaign became official in the U.S. in 1999 where people wore denim in solidarity with women in the Italian Parliament; and

WHEREAS, since then, wearing jeans or other denim apparel on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive manners about sexual harassment, abuse, assault and rape; and

WHEREAS, in this sexual violence prevention and education campaign, community members, elected officials, businesses and students are asked to make a social statement by wearing denim on this day as a visible protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Wednesday, April 24, 2019 as the 20th Annual Denim Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Peace Over Violence, the non-profit overseeing the national Denim Day campaign, as well as local advocates and sexual assault prevention organizations such as *Mujeres Latinas En Acción* and Our Resilience (formerly Rape Victim Advocates) that diligently work each day to provide services to survivors in crisis, and to prevent sexual assault and violence through education and activism.

[19-3081](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON and BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING ARAB AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, April is National Arab American Heritage Month, which celebrates the history, culture, and people and the many contributions Arab Americans have made to our country; and

WHEREAS, in light of this celebration it is important to honor the people and organizations that make many contributions in Cook County, such as Arab American Family Services (AAFS); and

WHEREAS, AAFS was established in 2001 by Itedal Shalabi and Nareman Taha and was registered with the State of Illinois in January 2001; and

WHEREAS, the philosophy of AAFS is to help participants find solutions and to build a culture of learning and sharing that empowers individuals, families, local leadership, and institutions, as well as to reduce the cultural, religious, and linguistic barriers that limit Arab Americans from accessing services and opportunities for personal growth; and

WHEREAS, in early 2001, they opened a one-room office at 64th and Pulaski in Chicago with just enough space for two desks and filing cabinets; They started showing up at every community gathering and government agency meeting they could find and went to mosques and churches and schools and hospitals, even sitting down with families in the parks and in their homes to listen to their concerns and learn of their needs, and during these meetings, they experienced the intense suffering and fear in many Arab and Muslim women and asked how AAFS might help; and

WHEREAS, Itedal and Nareman began helping women to complete immigration forms, finding domestic violence shelters for those abused, providing parents with translation services at school meetings, and advocating for services with government agencies, striving to provide services based on client eligibility and proper legal procedures; and

WHEREAS, their work conducting awareness programs for government officials and agencies, as well as other mainstream organizations to combat negative imagery and to help agency personnel understand, respect, and learn to work with the cultural and religious differences of Arabs and Muslims gained AAFS a reputation as a “bridge builder” between Arab and Muslim-Americans and mainstream society; and

WHEREAS, today, AAFS is headquartered in Worth, IL, in the 6th District, the heart of the Arab and Muslim-American community in the southwestern metropolitan Chicago area and since their founding, AAFS’ programs and services have expanded dramatically to meet the needs of Arab and Muslim-Americans, as well as thousands of people from mainstream society residing within their service areas as AAFS does not discriminate in providing services on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or disability; and

WHEREAS, AAFS provides services to over 30 communities in the South Suburban Chicagoland area and in 2018 worked with 15,144 families and 59,285 individuals were served in various areas of their programs; and

WHEREAS, the agency reaches out to more than 160,000 Muslims and individuals of Arab descent, as well as mainstream audiences, living primarily in southwestern Cook County, northern Will County, and eastern DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, the population AAFS serves today is 92% Arab American, 3% Asian, 2% African American, 2% Caucasian (non-Arab), and 1% Hispanic; 60% are female, 85% are immigrants, 30% are youth under the age of eighteen, 10% are elderly age sixty-five or older, and 5% are people with disabilities; 75% percent of AAFS' clients have identified themselves as Muslims, while 25% have stated they are Christians and AAFS estimates that 92% of their clients live below the federal poverty line; and

WHEREAS, AAFS staff and volunteers are culturally sensitive, most are Arabic speaking and skilled in meeting the special needs of the Arab-American community; languages include each of the various dialects found in the 22 Arab nations and is the only social service agency in the southwest suburbs that provide immigration or translation services to Arabic speaking immigrants and the only provider of domestic violence services for the Arab population in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to celebrate Arab American Heritage Month by highlighting the good work of AAFS;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honor Arab American Family Services for their outstanding service to the community, Cook County, and our Country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Itedal Shalabi and Nareman Taha as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[19-3101](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING PHIL WHITE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS A VILLAGE OF GLENVIEW TRUSTEE

WHEREAS, Philip White has been a dedicated, loyal public servant for the Village of Glenview for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service as Trustee, he graduated Magna Cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, Philip is an accomplished businessman, working for Continental Bondware, White Cap Company and finally as President and Principal Executive Officer of the Sweetheart Cup Company; and

WHEREAS, Philip transitioned the Sweetheart Cup Company to a new investor group in 1994 and took a much-deserved early retirement; and

WHEREAS, Philip has spent his retirement involved in philanthropic work, including serving on the board of the International Dyslexia Association; and

WHEREAS, Philip's philanthropy also included doing pro bono work for the Catholic Theological Union, the largest Catholic graduate school in North America, where he played a lead role in the planning, design and construction of the Union's new and renovated \$21 million campus; and

WHEREAS, Philip and his wife Rosemary have been longtime Glenview residents; and

WHEREAS, Philip began his tenure as a Glenview Village Trustee in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Philip won his reelection in 2007, 2011, and 2015; and

WHEREAS, Philip advocated for access to affordable housing in new developments brought before the Board of Trustees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby share its gratitude for Philip White's decades of public and community service and wish him well in his retirement; and

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 be tendered to Philip as a means of communicating our congratulations.

[19-3102](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING SHERIDAN TURNER ON HER CONTRIBUTION TO COOK COUNTY'S CULTURAL SCENE THROUGH HER WORK AT MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY AND KOHL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

WHEREAS, Sheridan Turner relocated to the Chicago area from her native England in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan contributed greatly to the success of Cook County's cultural scene and enhanced educational opportunities for youth and adults alike through her work at the Museum of Science & Industry and Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago; and

WHEREAS, at the Museum of Science & Industry she over saw the development of the Idea Factory Exhibit and the construction of the underground parking garage; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 Sheridan became President and CEO of the Kohl Children's Museum and has served in that role for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan managed the planning, fundraising, design, and construction of the \$18.1 million Glenview facility, which opened in 2005; and

WHEREAS, since Sheridan has led the Kohl Children's Museum, the Museum has increased annual attendance from 150,000 to more than 314,000, attracting individuals from Glenview, communities in the surrounding areas in Cook County, and residents across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan implemented a scholarship program for underserved families in the community unable to afford the museum experience by offering reduced-price or free annual memberships, daily passes and field trips; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan oversaw the development of all the exhibits currently at the Kohl Children's Museum as well as traveling exhibits like *Science + You*, *Powered by Nature*, and *Nature Cat: Backyard and Beyond* (currently in development); and

WHEREAS, Sheridan served as Vice President of the Glenview Chamber of Commerce, has served as a Board member for nine years and on the Executive Board for six years; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Sheridan was named Business Person of the Year by the Glenview Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan volunteers as a certified teamster for Wagner Farm in Glenview, giving horse and wagon rides for Wagner Farm Community events; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan serves as a Director for the Economic Club of Chicago and on the membership committee for The Chicago Network; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan is active on the Northwestern Women's Board, and was previously a Board Member for the Association of Children's Museums and The Cove School in Northbrook; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan is highly respected in the Chicago community as a leader in the field of early childhood education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby sincerely appreciate Sheridan Turner's efforts to expand educational opportunities for Cook County youth and wish Sheridan Turner well as she relocates to England; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to Sheridan as a means of communicating our thanks and well wishes.

[19-3103](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING GLENBROOK NORTH'S HIGHSCHOOL STUDENT RYAN PURDY ON HIS CONTRIBUTION TO HIS CONTINUED SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

WHEREAS, Ryan Purdy began swimming competitively at the age of five years old; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has been a member of the Glenbrook North High School Swimming and Diving team for four years; and

WHEREAS, as a Sophomore, Ryan set his School Record in the 500 Freestyle; and

WHEREAS, as a Junior, Ryan set school records for the 200 Medley Relay, 500 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke and 400 Freestyle Relay; and

WHEREAS, as a Senior, Ryan was honored with the Most Valuable Swimmer Team Award; and

WHEREAS, Ryan competed in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Final Championships where he became only the second state champion in Glenbrook North High School history for boys swimming and diving; and

WHEREAS, Ryan became the first ever double individual event IHSA State Champion; and

WHEREAS, Ryan won the 200 Individual Medley at the 2019 IHSA State Meet in 1 minute, 49.45 seconds and the 100 Backstroke at the State Meet in 49.21 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Ryan broke three individual school records at IHSA State Meet and was part of a fourth when he was a member of the 6th place 200 Medley Relay team; and

WHEREAS, Ryan leaves the Glenbrook North Swimming and Diving program with four individual school records and two relay records; and

WHEREAS, Ryan is the first-ever men's multiple event IHSA State Champion in Glenbrook North's School history; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has been Swim Instructor for four years for Swim America; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has been coached by Head Coach Jarod Schroeder; and

WHEREAS, Ryan will attend University of Iowa on a Swimming Scholarship 2019 where he plans to major in Physical Therapy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Board of Commissioners honors and congratulates Ryan Purdy on his continued sports achievements; and

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 Ryan Purdy and his family in commemoration of his great achievements.