



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Consent Agenda**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 9:00 AM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting - Fourth Set**

19-3109

**Sponsored by:** LUIS ARROYO JR, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****RECOGNIZING THE AMAZING LIFE OF MARTHA RAMOS, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Martha Ramos from our midst on February 20, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha, a Puerto Rican-American Chicago native, dedicated her life to helping others in any capacity she could, always striving to leave a positive impact on everybody with whom she worked. She was a strong, courageous, kind, and generous with her time, neighbor and friend to many; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha Ramos was the daughter of Daniel and Iris Ramos, sister to Analicia, Dulce, Mirca and Iris Ramos. Loving mother to Coraliris Echevarria, grandmother to Eliel and Leonel Soto, and lifetime companion of Rey Colón; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha helped her father purchase the Puerto Rican Parade Committee building, which was paid in full upon the completion of his term as President and ultimately, named after him. Martha became the Executive Director of the Puerto Rican Parade Committee and organized the Puerto Rican Pride Parade and festival which continues to be an annual City of Chicago celebration; earning her "*Business Woman of the Year*" award by the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology where she received her Bachelor's of Science degree in Accounting and was elected DeVry Accounting Society President in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha's many accomplishments in her long career in the private sector include: Budget Management for the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago's Corporate Office, aiding 25 YMCA locations as Assistant to Director of Treasury, Program Services and Staff Development from 1991 to 1994; supervisor of the final bankruptcy reclamation process at Montgomery Ward's National Office from 1998 to 2000, where she managed \$1.3 billion in payables and \$60 million in receivable accounts while maintaining good relations with over 7,500 vendors at 300 locations; coordinator of Transit Advertising and manager of a \$30 million budget in 24 international markets as the National Business Operations Manager for Obie Media Incorporated from 2001 to 2003; among others; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha served as Region Manager Assistant at the Chicago Park District from 1994 to 1997 where she conducted regular site visits teaching 72 Park Supervisors and over 400 staff best practices in community outreach. She managed numerous projects and special events for the Region Manager, Finance Manager and 5 Area Managers. Martha was awarded 1997 Chicago Park District P.R.I.D.E. Employee of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha recruited corporate sponsors, community leaders and non-profit organizations to create the Boulevard Community Arts Network and produced the first Milwaukee Avenue Arts Festival from 2001 to 2006. It is a thriving annual event to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, after her father suffered a major stroke, Martha put aside her own career and ambitions to run his company “*Ramos & Daughters Movers*” named after his 5 daughters; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha served as Chief of Staff for 35th Ward Alderman Rey Colón from 2006 to 2015 providing outstanding city services. She loved turning complaints, problems and issues into solutions and often said it was the job she favored, mostly due to the high volume of very demanding constituents; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha was a crime fighter. In 2007 she received a Chicago City Council Bravery Recognition and 2007 Cook County Honorable Citizen Award for catching the Edgewater Slasher; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha created partnerships with city, state and federal government elected officials, businesses, schools, nonprofit organizations, chambers of commerce and other institutions to acquire resources to benefit her community. One of the many projects was the resurrection of the Logan Square’s business district along Milwaukee Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, until her untimely passing, Martha continued working as a public servant in the Chicago Public Schools, The Puerto Rican Arts Alliance, the service offices of Chicago Alderman Milly Santiago and, last, for Cook County Commissioner Luis Arroyo Jr; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha Ramos left this world a better place. The northwest side of Chicago has lost a neighbor, friend, tireless community worker, wonderful mother and grandmother to her family and an overall beautiful soul. She will be greatly missed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express our deepest condolences to Martha’s family and friends for this sudden and unimaginable loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Martha Ramos so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING MARY WROBLEWSKI FOR HER YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Mary Wroblewski has demonstrated leadership in providing high quality healthcare as a registered nurse and a healthcare administrator throughout her career; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary made a particular impact on women and children through her service as a labor and delivery nurse and in leadership positions relating to women’s health and children’s health; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary has been a resident of Schaumburg Township for over 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary and her husband, Vince, have been active in their community while raising four children and welcoming seven grandchildren who live in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary has dedicated the last 28 years to public service through various positions; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary spent a decade as an active member of the District 211 School Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary became Schaumburg Township Supervisor in 2001 and has successfully served the Township for 18 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Wroblewski's dedication to her community and public service is an example to us all; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, would like to recognize Mary Wroblewski on May 1, 2019 as she is celebrated for her exemplary career and dedication to public service; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, would like to wish Mary Wroblewski and her family best wishes in her retirement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to Mary Wroblewski.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND CAREER OF BETTY MC-SHANE  
BOLES OF SEIU LOCAL 73**

**WHEREAS**, Betty Mc-Shane Boles is a product Chicago Public School System and graduated from Olive Harvey College with an Associate of Arts Degree in Business Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, Betty Mc-Shane Boles started her journey with SEIU Local 73 in November 1981 working at the Chicago Housing Authority; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Mc-Shane Boles was instrumental in paid maternity benefits being included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Chicago Housing Authority and SEIU Local 73. Due to her efforts, Betty became a Union Steward and was selected as a member of the bargaining committee in October 1989; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Mc-Shane Boles hard work led her to be elevated to the position of Chief Union Steward in October 1993 by Thomas Balanoff, current President of SEIU Local 1; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Mc-Shane Boles dedication to the rights of others to be heard and fairly treated stood out among her peers and awarded her an opportunity to become a Union Representative at SEIU Local 73 in September 1997; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Mc-Shane Boles continued to climb the ladder of success at SEIU Local 73 while advocating for the rights of the members that she represented. Betty was promoted to Senior Union Representative in September 1999, Director of Cook County Division in September 2001 and Vice President in October 2004 where she has been re-elected four times; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Mc-Shane Boles is also known for her service to community. She has served as Local School Council President for W.E.B. DuBois Elementary School, mentor for Carver Elementary School students, and a member of the Board of Directors of Eden Green Co-Op. Betty is a faithful and proud 54 years member at Progressive Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Revered Warren Woods Jr., who serves as Pastor; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Mc-Shane Boles would like to share that all her accomplishments have stemmed from the teachings of her strong family background. Her mother taught her at an early age if it's not worth fighting for then it's not worth having. Betty's motto is "each one teach one" and "if I can help somebody as I travel along the way, then my living will not be in vain"; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Mc-Shane Boles will now join the ranks of retirement after a successful 38 year career. Betty's career is marked by many hard fought battles, success stories and outstanding accomplishments. This has all been made possible by the support of her parents, husband and loving children; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate Betty Mc-Shane Boles for her dedication and outstanding service to union members and the residents of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this resolution is spread upon the permanent record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County and that a suitable copy of this resolution will be presented to Betty Mc-Shane Bole in recognition of 38 years of service with SEIU Local 73.