



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

**REVISED Consent Agenda**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 1:00 PM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting - Second Set**

[19-6302](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF TOMASA CASIANO**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Tomasa Casiano from our midst on September 14, 2019 at the age of 50; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano was born in San Simón de Guerrero, Estado de México, México on March 7, 1969 to Roberto Casiano Popoca and Celia Ramírez de Paz; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano arrived to Chicago in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano was a tireless activist and leader who always strived to improve the lives of those around her, and advocate for working-class families; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, Tomasa Casiano approached ARISE Chicago regarding the lack of dignity and respect her and sixty (60) other co-workers experienced in her workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2012, ARISE Chicago approached the Chicago and Midwest Regional Joint Board (CMRJB), Workers United about organizing the group into a bargaining unit, given that CMRJB Workers United has a long history of representing immigrant garment workers dating back to 1910; and

**WHEREAS**, a petition for a union election was filed with National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), and a NLRB election was held; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano organized her co-workers in the shop and worked tirelessly to make sure they attended the union meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano never missed a day at the gates, which opened at 3:00 a.m., to hand out leaflets during the union election; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano was recognized as a true union leader because of her commitment to workplace justice and for union recognition. This ultimately won her the respect of her union brothers and sisters, and the respect of the company; and

**WHEREAS**, through her dedication and hard work, they won the union election; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, Tomasa Casiano served in the Union's bargaining committee and was a key leader in their first contract campaign, which lead to a successful Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

**WHEREAS,** Tomasa Casiano was elected Union Steward and President of Local 1976 in 2014; and

**WHEREAS,** Tomasa Casiano was elected and served as Executive Board Member to the Chicago and Midwest Regional Joint Board of Workers United/SEIU; and

**WHEREAS,** Tomasa Casiano served as delegate to the 2017 Workers United International Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS,** Tomasa Casiano served as part of the bargaining committee for contract renewal contract negotiations with the company she worked for; and

**WHEREAS,** her love of service and community extended from organizing, she also volunteered in elections and mentored others; and

**WHEREAS,** Tomasa Casiano is survived by her husband Marcial Ramírez and five siblings: Celia, Urbano, Irma, Estela and Roberto, and her loving nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS,** Tomasa Casiano and her legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come. She leaves not only a family that grieves her but a community that was impacted by her contribution and convictions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family, colleagues, and many friends of Tomasa Casiano, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Tomasa Casiano so that her memory may be honored and ever cherished

[19-6306](#)

**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA and BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CONGRATULATING CENTRO ROMERO ON ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS,** Centro Romero is a community-based, non-for-profit organization that serves the communities of Edgewater, Rogers Park, and Uptown on the northeast side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS,** Centro Romero was founded in 1984 by Daysi J. Funes and Jose Manuel Ventura to meet the needs of the rapidly increasing Latino immigrant and refugee populations; and

**WHEREAS,** Centro Romero was named in honor of Archbishop Oscar Romero, a Salvadoran Roman Catholic cleric who was killed while celebrating Mass in San Salvador in 1980 for his outspoken defense of human rights of his native Salvadorans during its long civil war; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Centro Romero is to empower those with the fewest options in the immigrant and refugee community by developing and strengthening the family unit, fostering community leadership and providing quality social and adjustment services; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, Centro Romero's staff, with the help of 408 volunteers, provided 11,983 service hours, and empowered 13,695 people; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero's Family Services Program is comprised of services that promote the development of healthy families and together serve 8,991 individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero's Youth Program, 69 children between the ages of 6 through 13 attend an intensive age specific after-school project that includes academic support, tutoring, recreational activities, and field trips to museums, and 23 older youth attend the BRAVE program, a violence prevention initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, 1,050 youth ages 8 to 17 participate in organized summer street activities, and 790 children and adults attend special events such as monthly educational workshops; and

**WHEREAS**, the Domestic Violence Project serves 131 women with individual counseling and group support, including 14 by means of court advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, a total of 1,727 family members benefited from accessing public benefits programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero helps provide training on the importance of preventive health care measures and the availability of health care services through outreach activities: organizing community education projects, seminars, workshops, and health fairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero also has a New Americans Initiative which helps 479 immigrants eligible for citizenship, and the Community Navigators Program educated 3,047 immigrants about their rights, and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero's Legal Services Program served 2,881 clients with immigration and naturalization issues, helping them become Legal Permanent Residents, citizens and processed renewal applications for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero's work in the Adult Education Program helps adults with English as a Second Language (ESL), General Educational Development (GED), citizenship preparation classes and vocational training for a healthcare careers, as well as one-to-one tutoring in a volunteer literacy program, and job-readiness training.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Centro Romero on its 35th Anniversary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Centro Romero in honor of its outstanding community work and may continue servicing the community.

[19-6322](#)

**Sponsored by:** BRIDGET GAINER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, BRIDGET DEGNEN, DEBORAH SIMS and DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COOK COUNTY WOMEN'S CAUCUS HONORING BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR  
MELISSA BORATYN, BRIGHT PINK AND RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS BREAST  
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, more than 268,000 women and approximately 2,600 men are diagnosed with breast cancer annually; and

**WHEREAS**, for women in the United States, breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer, besides lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, a woman's risk of breast cancer nearly doubles if she has a first-degree relative (mother, sister, daughter) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Melissa Boratyn, a Chicago resident who was diagnosed with Breast cancer at age 23 and now, 8 years later continues her battle with metastatic breast cancer, and

**WHEREAS**, Melissa Boratyn met her husband Jimmy Boratyn while undergraduates at Loyola University Chicago, and

**WHEREAS**, Melissa Boratyn and her husband and directing partner Jimmy Boratyn produced "Ginger the Movie" as a graduate school thesis project at DePaul University in Chicago, and

**WHEREAS**, at its premier in September 2018 "Ginger" won "Best in Fest" at the 10th Annual Ladies Film Festival in Beverly Hills, California; and

**WHEREAS**, "Ginger" was also awarded the "World Humanitarian Award" at the Queens Film Festival in New York, and

**WHEREAS**, after one year of winning countless additional film festival awards, "Ginger" will be released to the public to achieve it's intended goal of "Helping others"; and

**WHEREAS**, another champion in the fight against breast cancer is Bright Pink, founded by Lindsay

Avner, who at the age of 23, became the youngest woman in the country to undergo a risk-reducing double mastectomy;; having lost her grandmother and great-grandmother to breast cancer before she was born, and watching her mother fight both breast and ovarian cancer when she was only 12; and

**WHEREAS**, Lindsay felt a compelling responsibility to create a warm and welcoming community that provided the education and support she had been seeking, and in 2007, Lindsay started Bright Pink, which quickly became a standout organization in the breast and ovarian health landscape, impacting and saving thousands of lives each day; and

**WHEREAS**, Bright Pink is the only national non-profit focused on the prevention and early detection of breast and ovarian cancer in young women; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor breast cancer patients, survivors and their families, recognizing the courage and strength of the over 3.4 million Americans who are battling this terrible disease and remembers loved ones whose lives have been affected by breast cancer;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 2019 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners Women's Caucus proudly honors Melissa Boratyn in recognition of her outstanding efforts to help all people battling breast cancer; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the movie "Ginger" be recognized during National Breast Cancer Awareness month in October 2019, encouraging all private and public entities to foster and advocate awareness of breast cancer in young women; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Bright Pink be recognized during National Breast Cancer Awareness month for helping to save lives from breast and ovarian cancer by empowering women to know their risk and manage their health proactively; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Melissa Boratyn and to the CEO of Bright Pink, Katie Thiede as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[19-6325](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF TAURINO BRITO**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Taurino Brito from our midst on September 25, 2019 at the age of 90; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito, was born in Guerrero, México on August 11, 1929; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito, came to this country as a beneficiary of the Bracero Program with the goal of providing for his family; and

**WHEREAS** Taurino Brito, a longtime resident of Pilsen neighborhood on Chicago's Southwest side, was a kind presence in the lives of many residents throughout their childhood and adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 25 years, despite climate or season, Taurino Brito walked the streets of Pilsen selling churros and popsicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito, was recognized for being a remarkably giving person. In one instance, he donated a plot of land he owned in México for a medical clinic; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito, worked tirelessly to ensure that his children and grandchildren had the financial support to succeed in postsecondary institutions, which including DePaul University, DeVry University, Dominican University, Georgetown University, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), and Harvard University; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito was survived by his beloved wife, Maria Soletto Brito, his nine (9) children, twenty-six (26) grandchildren, and fourteen (14) great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito's legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come. He leaves not only a family that grieves him but a community that was impacted by his contributions and convictions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Taurino Brito, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Taurino Brito so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

[19-6328](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING DREAMER AND ALLIES RUN (DAR)**

**WHEREAS**, Back of the Yards residents and local leaders, guided by the vision of Hugo Dominguez and the support of Holy Cross/IHM Parish, founded Dreamers and Allies Run (DAR) in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, DAR is an all-volunteer scholarship fundraising effort whose purpose is to raise funds to assist undocumented college students from the Back of the Yards and surrounding communities as they pursue higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, when DAR was created, undocumented students in the County of Cook were not eligible for local, state, or federal financial aid for college; and

**WHEREAS**, undocumented students' inability to pay for college tuition and expenses was and continues to be a near unsurmountable barrier to accessing post-secondary education opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, DAR was created to address the impact of unjust, unreasonable, and unconscionable financial aid laws, regulations, and policies for undocumented students - students who many times do not know any other country but the United States and were raised in our American educational system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Back of the Yards has a rich tradition of supporting, encouraging, and accompanying youth in their education, particularly through college scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, guided by that rich tradition, DAR set up a system by which it raises funds for its scholarship through the Chicago Marathon and other organized runs; and

**WHEREAS**, DAR invites community members to join Team DAR, fundraise, and represent Team DAR at runs; and

**WHEREAS**, DAR awards 100% of the proceeds of the donations to the DAR scholarship recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, DAR has raised \$100,000 in college scholarships since 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, while there have been efforts to assist undocumented students on the state and city levels, DAR is committed to continuing its scholarship fundraising efforts until undocumented students are offered the same opportunities to access college state and federal financial aid as other college students; and



**WHEREAS,** DAR volunteers Hugo Domínguez, Edy Domínguez, Fredy Domínguez, Marciano Domínguez, Adriana Velázquez, Quintiliano Rios, Mayra Hernandez, and José Alonso have provided countless hours of selfless service and leadership to the DAR effort; and

**WHEREAS,** the DAR effort is a successful, innovative, and exceptional model of people directly impacted by an issue and their allies organizing and coming together to find a solution to a challenge that negatively impacts them and their community; and

**WHEREAS,** DAR, its runners, and donors have played a vital and meaningful role in the lives of undocumented students from the Back of the Yards and surrounding communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the volunteers and supporters of Dreamer and Allies Run on its accomplishments; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dreamer and Allies Run in honor of its outstanding achievements.

[19-6329](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CONGRATULATING PROYECTO DE ACCIÓN DE LOS SUBURBIOS DEL OESTE (PASO) ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS,** *Proyecto De Acción De Los Suburbios Del Oeste* (PASO) is a grassroots, community-based social justice organization in the West Cook Suburbs that builds strong communities through intersectional organizing, leadership development, education and civic engagement so people can live and thrive, regardless of race, immigration status, gender, sexual orientation or socioeconomic level; and

**WHEREAS,** PASO was founded in 2009 by local youth and community members who identified the lack of local entities in the West Cook suburbs that focused on leadership development and community empowerment for the growing, but underrepresented Latinx community; and

**WHEREAS,** PASO works with youth, families, and communities impacted by poverty and structural racism. With deep roots in the area, PASO plays a key role in prominent local, regional, and national issues due to its strong reputation and community presence; and

**WHEREAS,** PASO works to respond to community needs and ensure that community members are

engaged and empowered to be their own advocates, and works towards systematic changes; and

**WHEREAS**, PASO engages in multi-faceted, multi-issue organizing and is solidly positioned to continue to carry out its mission for social justice through community-led change with a focus on racial and gender justice; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, PASO has been grounded in the leadership and voices of those directly impacted by the issues; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, PASO joined suburban youth leaders to advocate to pass the Illinois Dream Act, and in 2013, organized a children's march in Federal Plaza in support of immigrant justice; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, PASO worked with its partners to pass more than 14 pro-immigrant bills, and organized the largest "Abolish ICE" march and protest in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, PASO has helped protect the rights of immigrant communities, and has been powerful advocate for all social justice issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of *Proyecto De Acción De Los Suburbios Del Oeste* (PASO) on their 10th Anniversary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to *Proyecto De Acción De Los Suburbios Del Oeste* (PASO) in honor of its outstanding achievements.