



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

Consent Agenda

Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 1:00 PM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Second Set

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Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, 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

VAN A. GALLIOS, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Van A. Gallios from our midst; and

WHEREAS Van A. Gallios was the dearly beloved husband of Constance (Tressa); and

WHEREAS, Van A. Gallios was the devoted father of Harry (Sue), Andrew (Kerry), and Georganne (Jose) Lopez; and

WHEREAS, Van A. Gallios was the loving grandfather of Evangeline, Jack and James Gallios, Brynn and Elijah Beaver, and Julia and Melinda Lopez; and

WHEREAS, Van A. Gallios was the dear brother of Betty (the late Robert) Sefer, the late Helen (the late George) Mavrelis, the late Peter (the late Sue), the late Mary (the late James) Bliss, the late Nick (Friedl), the late James (the late Alice), and the late John (Angela); and

WHEREAS, Van A. Gallios was the fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Van A. Gallios was the son of the late Aristides and Georgia Gallios; and

WHEREAS, Van A. Gallios was a veteran of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Van A. Gallios was the last of four brothers who owned and operated Miller's Pub on Adams and Wabash; and

WHEREAS, Van A. Gallios was the friend of many who frequented Miller's Pub including Tony Bennett, Jimmy Durante, and figures from the world of baseball such as Tony La Russa and White Sox owner Bill Veeck.; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Van A. Gallios was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the

Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Van A. Gallios and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Van A. Gallios so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-6861](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING CHICAGO COMMUNITY AND WORKERS' RIGHTS (CCWR) ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Chicago Community and Workers' Rights (CCWR) was founded in June 2009 by a group of Latinx immigrant workers who saw a need for an organization dedicated to empowering workers to defend their rights; and

WHEREAS, CCWR is a worker-led organization that builds leadership and develops organizing tools and collective strategies against labor and immigrant rights abuses, towards just living conditions, shifting the balance of power to the workers; and

WHEREAS, CCWR works mainly with low-wage, Latinx immigrant workers, regardless of immigration status- over 90% are people with low income, and over half are women; and

WHEREAS, immigrant workers are 1.5 times more likely to experience minimum wage violations and face dangerous working conditions, making up 54% of the foreign-born population who die of work-related injuries, and therefore CCWR fights and advocates for their rights; and

WHEREAS, as only about fifteen percent of workers in Illinois are unionized, immigrant workers are vulnerable to threats from employers such as contacting immigration authorities on their statuses, which is why CCWR assists immigrant workers in overcoming such barriers and organizes them to advocate for their workplace rights and;

WHEREAS, with CCWR's support, workers have recovered stolen wages, organized for better working conditions and defended their jobs. Their work has led to changes at the city, county, and state level to address issues of exploitation and push for the collective self-determination of workers;

WHEREAS, in 2014, because of cases brought to the attention of the Illinois Department of Labor by CCWR, the implementation of three amendments to labor laws went into effect to make sure landscaping companies, and similarly structured companies, do not violate workers' rights.

WHEREAS, in 2015, after years of organizing and advocacy together with Chicago street vendors, the City of Chicago approved a City ordinance in 2015 that allows pushcart street vendors to sell their prepared products on the street; and

WHEREAS, CCWR also works toward promoting laws and policies that create alternatives to provide people with more equitable economic opportunities, and has focused on supporting and establishing a worker cooperative ecosystem as a form of economic justice for communities of color that face poverty, marginalization and that have no documents; and

WHEREAS, CCWR is a founding member of the Illinois Workers Cooperative Alliance (IWCA), working towards creating financial and other resources for worker cooperatives at the city/county/state levels, and in collaboration with other organizations formed the Illinois Coalition for Cooperative Advancement (ICCA) with the main purpose to pass the worker cooperative association Act at the state level; in August 2019 the Limited Worker Cooperative Association Act was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, CCWR has been very active working with other coalitions to improve the lives of our community members and have been founding member of Raise the Floor Coalition, Organized Communities Against Deportation (OCAD), Chicago Immigration Policy Working Group, Resist, Reimagine Rebuild Coalition, and the Chicago Gang Database Coalition; and

WHEREAS, CCWR has helped protect the worker 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 Chicago Community and Workers' Rights 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 Chicago Community and Workers' Rights in honor of its outstanding achievements.

[19-6862](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF FIDENCIO SÁNCHEZ

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Fidencio Sánchez from our midst on November 6, 2019 at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sánchez was born in Morales, México on November 16, 1926; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sánchez migrated to Chicago in 1990 and became a longtime resident of the Little Village neighborhood on Chicago's Southwest side; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sánchez was known to be a hardworking provider for his family. He made his living selling popsicles - known in Spanish as *paletas* - for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, his indefatigable work ethic, dedication, and generous heart charmed residents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sánchez spent 8 hours a day, 6 days a week push his cart up and down major avenues and side streets in Little Village during the summer months to earn \$50 to \$60 a day; and

WHEREAS, he also spent the winter months selling candies and churros; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sánchez build a reputation of being an all-around good person who cared deeply about his community; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, a Little Village native, Joel Cervantes Macias, was visiting his old neighborhood when he saw Mr. Sánchez struggling to push his cart; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Macias snapped a photo of Mr. Sánchez and posted it to social media outlets, instantly drawing sympathy from thousands of Mr. Sánchez's former customers who started a GoFundMe campaign; and

WHEREAS, the viral crowdfunding campaign, eventually raised nearly \$400,000 from more than 17,000 donors from about 60 countries that allowed Mr. Sánchez to retire and spend his twilight years in peace; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sánchez is survived by his wife and best friend Eladia Sánchez, his children, grandchildren, and leaves behind a legacy of perseverance and generosity.

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 Fidencio Sánchez, 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 Fidencio Sánchez, so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

[19-6867](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. BETTY J. ALLEN-GREEN FOR HER LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT

AND DEDICATION AS A COMMUNITY STRATEGIST, FACILITATOR AND EDUCATOR

WHEREAS, Dr. Betty J. Allen-Green is a Grassroots Community Strategist, Facilitator, and a Chicago Public Schools Educator for over 35 year; and

WHEREAS, she began her career as a teacher, worked as a counselor, assistant principal and eighteen years as Principal of Theodore Herzl Elementary School. As principal, Dr. Green and her staff built a cohesive unit of academic pride in the students and cultivated constructive parental involvement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green achieved many successes while facing Herculean demands of a community she loves. Under her leadership, Dr. Allen-Green developed and nurtured a program of academic excellence at Herzl Elementary School. Additionally, Herzl was notably recognized for achieving over a 96% student and teachers' attendance rate which contributed to continuous academic excellence and improvements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green's dedication and innovation encouraged partnerships with Columbia College and DePaul University's Center for Urban Education. These partnerships resulted in opportunities for students to immerse themselves in fine arts like never. The relationships with Columbia College and DePaul University's Center for Urban Education also provided excellent professional development and in-class coaching for teachers. This ingenious collaboration was underwritten by J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation, Steans Family foundation, Lawndale Christian Health Center and the Carol Kaplan Foundation.; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from Herzl Elementary School, Dr. Green worked for CPS Office of Principal Preparation and Development where she mentored new principals. She simultaneously founded the Lawndale AMACHI Mentoring Program (LAMP). LAMP is a program providing mentors to children and youth between the ages of four-eighteen in the North Lawndale Community. It also provides tutoring in the areas of reading and mathematics and Restorative Justice Peacemaking Circles. LAMP has served over 2,000 children since its beginning in 2007 and achieved many successes; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving the children, LAMP provides workshops and support groups for the parents and caregivers. These groups are designed to empower parents to enhance their ability to ensure their children are successful in school and grow up to live successful lives.; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government acknowledges Dr. Betty J. Allen-Green for transforming lives through community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green devotes her life to helping children and Glorifying God. She started a Scholarship Ministry at New Community Church, which gives her continued satisfaction. Spending quality time with family and friends is always an energizing joy for Dr. Allen Green in addition to helping to plant a firm foundation in her two grandchildren is a cherished blessing for Dr. Allen Green; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government acknowledges Dr. Betty J. Allen-Green for transforming lives through community engagement.

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 Dr. Betty J. Allen-Green for her invaluable, leadership, dedication and commitment to the residents of North Lawndale 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 Dr. Betty J. Allen-Green and a copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion

[19-6870](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED MEN OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC. 108th FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

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

WHEREAS, from the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, "friendship is essential to the soul". Omega Psi Phi derived its name. The founders selected this 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 favorite Omega's the late Robert B. Steele, Dr. Dennis Deer and John Roberson; and

WHEREAS, Everyone's life has been touched by a Man of Omega Psi Phi. One member, Dr. Charles Drew, perfected the use of blood plasma, leading to the establishment of blood banks. These blood banks save millions of lives every year; and

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi 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, Rho Mu Mu, Mu XI; and NU PI; and

WHEREAS, Every year, these Chapters donate over \$100,000 in scholarships to high school students, donate hundreds of pints of blood, mentor young people, and contribute over \$50,000 to its 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 sent over 2,000 pounds of food, clothes, and medical supplies to Haiti after the 2010 Earthquake. In addition, Omega Psi Phi held one of Cook County's largest water drives for Flint, Michigan, collecting and sending over 10 semi-trucks of water and supplies Cook County's largest relief drives for Houston, Texas, after Hurricane Harvey. Omega Psi Phi continues to deliver thousands of Christmas presents to children of incarcerated parents; and

WHEREAS, Omegas Psi Phi conducts educational programs 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 Sunday, November 17, 2019, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc celebrated their 108th Founders' Day recognizing individuals for their contributions to community uplift via the "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, 2019 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.