



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

**Consent Agenda**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 1:00 PM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting - Third Set**

[20-1206](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN CELEBRATION OF TIMOTHY J. FRENZER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, longtime Wilmette Village Manager Timothy J. Frenzer will retire in early 2020 after 27 years of service to the Village of Wilmette; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Frenzer is a longtime Illinois resident. He was raised in Algonquin and spent his formative years there. He has been married to his wife Catherine Murray, an attorney, for thirty-one years. They have four children: Patrick, a veterinarian, and triplet daughters: Caitlin, an attorney; Beth, a marketing professional; and Meagan, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Florida. He is a fan of college football, following both the University of Florida, where his son attended, and the University of Auburn when his daughters graduated; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Frenzer attended Loyola University in Chicago, where he graduated *summa cum laude*, with a B.A. and Honors Degree in 1980. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where he graduated *cum laude* in 1983. He began his legal career with the Cook County State's Attorney's office, working in the Criminal Division from 1983-1988 and the Civil Division from 1988-1989. He became a staff attorney for the Central States Health & Welfare and Pension Funds from 1989-1990 and then Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago Department of Law from 1990-1993; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Frenzer joined the Village of Wilmette as its Corporation Counsel in January 1993 and served in that role for 15 years until he assumed the role of interim Village Manager. The Village Board unanimously appointed him to Village Manager in July 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, as a municipal attorney, Mr. Frenzer was a member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA). From 2003-2007, he was IMLA Illinois State Chair. In 2007, he was elected IMLA Regional Vice President for the 7th Circuit, a position he held until his appointment as Village Manager. In 2005, Mr. Frenzer received IMLA's national award for Most Outstanding State Chair; and

**WHEREAS**, as Corporation Counsel, Mr. Frenzer was a member of the Northwest Municipal Conference Attorneys Committee for 16 years and served as its chair for eight of those years. He remains a member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association Home Rule Attorneys Committee. He was also a member of the NWMC Telecommunications Subcommittee that prepared statewide model ordinances. He also remains a member of the Local Government Committee of the Chicago Bar Association; and

**WHEREAS**, when he took over as Village Manager, the Village was experiencing serious revenue disruption due to the Great Recession. Frenzer and his team stabilized the Village's finances and reduced costs while maintaining the Village's coveted AAA bond rating and Village services; and

**WHEREAS**, as Village Manager, Frenzer was the Chief Administrative Officer of the Village. He represented the Village as a Director on the boards of the Northwest Municipal Conference, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, and the Northeast Illinois Public Safety Training Academy. He was also a member of the Northwest Municipal Conference Legislative Committee and its Transportation Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Frenzer is a member of the International City/County Management Association, the Illinois City/County Management Association, and the Chicago Metro Managers. He has testified for the Village and Illinois Municipal League in state legislative hearings and works with the Northwest Municipal Conference, Illinois Municipal League, and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus on legislative issues. He has been a speaker at meetings, conferences, and seminars hosted by the Illinois Municipal League, International Municipal Lawyers Association, Chicago Bar Association, Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants, and Metro Managers on multiple occasions; and

**WHEREAS**, during his 27 years with the Village, Frenzer was instrumental in launching initiatives, including the Village Center Master Plan; the revitalization of the Village's downtown; the modernization of its solid waste and recycling collection; and a slate of infrastructure projects, including the West Park Sanitary Storage Facility project; and

**WHEREAS**, Frenzer also helped negotiate several new wholesale water contracts with other municipalities that generated new revenue for the Village and held down water rates for Wilmette; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilmette Village President Bob Bielinski said in a statement that he and the Village Board appreciate Frenzer's "many years of dedicated service. Tim took over as Village Manager during very challenging economic times. His steady and thoughtful leadership stabilized, and then improved, the Village's finances and contributed to new economic development and improved resident services,"; and

**WHEREAS**, when he announced his retirement, Frenzer stated, "Over the years, I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with many elected officials, as well as boards and commission members, and residents. The commitment of the Village Board members to ensuring good government and providing forward-looking leadership has ensured that Wilmette is a very special place in which to live and work."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, celebrates the career of Timothy J. Frenzer, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to Timothy J. Frenzer and his family.

[20-1207](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING KULMEET “BOB” GALHOTRA**

**WHEREAS,** Kulmeet “Bob” Galhotra retired from the Cook County Public Defender’s Office in December 2019 after serving 29 years as an Assistant Public Defender. At the time of his retirement, he was a supervisor in the Homicide Task Force, a special unit in the Public Defender’s office that represents defendants in homicide and capital cases; and

**WHEREAS,** born in India - where he was nicknamed “Bob” by family members, for either Bobby Kennedy or the Bollywood film “Bobby”. Galhotra moved to Chicago with his family at age 5. Reflecting on his move, Galhotra remembered that there was snow on the ground the day they arrived. There was not even a word for “snow” in Punjabi, his first language; and

**WHEREAS,** Bob was raised in Chicago with his brother, who is now a doctor. He started college at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) as an engineering student but switched majors to English. He graduated with Honors in 1987. After a short internship writing technical manuals, he registered for law school at IIT Chicago Kent Law School. His first experience through a clinic in a criminal courtroom hooked him on criminal defense work. He was hired by the Cook County Public Defender two days after taking the bar exam; and

**WHEREAS,** during his tenure at the Public Defender’s office, Bob has undertaken 30 murder trials in front of juries and nearly 100 bench trials. A number of his cases were widely publicized, including the recent Harris case out of Rockford, Illinois and the Andrew Warren case. Bob successfully negotiated a plea agreement for Warren, who was charged, along with former Northwestern University professor Wyndham Lathem, with the murder of Lathem’s boyfriend; and

**WHEREAS,** Bob was recognized by his peers for his encyclopedic knowledge of case law and the increasingly technical aspects of criminal law from DNA to cellphone technology. He also had great insight into the temperament and taboos of the judges who decide the fates of the 400 plus indigent murder defendants on the Task Force’s roster; and

**WHEREAS,** one of Bob’s great accomplishments at the Public Defender’s office was his role in forming AFSCME Local 3315, now the largest union of attorneys in Illinois. He was on the Executive Board from 1998-1999 and served as Vice President from 1999-2001 and in 2007; and served as President from 2002-2006 and 2008-2013. In these positions, he represented approximately 450 rank-and-file Assistant Public Defenders; and

**WHEREAS,** Bob’s commitment to representing indigent defendants was followed closely by his

commitment to strengthening the union and ensuring that other public defenders had the support necessary to do their jobs effectively. Through this work he successfully advocated for the recognition of collective bargaining rights for assistant public defenders under local home rule by Cook County ordinance; managed and organized the participation of the state's largest attorney union in a one-day strike to win a fair contract for front-line public servants in Cook County (7/11/2002); chaired four delegations from Local 3315 to Universal Bargaining with the County; boosted full union dues-paying membership to 100%; amended the local's constitution to lengthen the terms of office from one year to two; and implemented an online presence for the Local in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, through his work with Local 3315, he also helped advocate for the repeal of the death penalty in Illinois and founded the Jack Carey Memorial Scholarship that recognizes outstanding law clerks at the Public Defender's office. The scholarship has been awarded nearly 50 times since its inception in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Bob has shown a dedication to public service and has personally and professionally served the needs of many of the County's most vulnerable residents at a time of great need. He achieved a high level of responsibility in his professional life and was recognized by his peers as a great resource to them in the Public Defender's office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, celebrates the work of Kulmeet "Bob" Galhotra, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to Kulmeet "Bob" Galhotra.

[20-1226](#)

**Sponsored by:** BRANDON JOHNSON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LARRY SUFFREDIN, ALMA E. ANAYA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, BILL LOWRY, DENNIS DEER, DONNA MILLER and SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 3-7, 2020 AS BLACK LIVES MATTER AT SCHOOL WEEK.**

**WHEREAS**, Black Lives Matter At School is a national coalition organizing for racial justice in education; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2017-2018 school year, from February 5 to 9, thousands of educators around the U.S. wore Black Lives Matter shirts to school and taught lessons about structural racism, intersectional Black identities, Black history, and anti-racist movements for a nationally organized week of action; and

**WHEREAS**, during the week of action, educators taught: 1) restorative justice, empathy and loving engagement 2) diversity and globalism 3) trans-affirming, queer affirming and collective values 4) intergenerational Black families and Black villages

**WHEREAS**, Black Live Matter at School movement developed these demands: 1) end “zero tolerance” discipline, and implement restorative justice 2) hire more Black teachers 3) mandate Black history and ethnic studies in K-12 curriculum; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has 109 school districts, Chicago Public Schools being the largest school district; and

**WHEREAS**, as of December 2019, Chicago Public Schools student body is nearly 90% students of color (46.6% of students are Latinx, 35.9% Black, 10.8% White, 4.2% Asian, and 0.3% Native American); and

**WHEREAS**, according to the University of Chicago CCSR (September 2015), Black students face suspensions from school at disproportionate rates even when risk factors “such as poverty and low achievement” are controlled for; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the “Handcuffs in Hallways” report by the Shriver Center (February 2017), “In total, between 2012 and 2016, the police officers assigned to CPS schools accumulated \$2,030,652 in misconduct settlements for activities on and off school grounds,” and “of that total, nearly \$1.5 million resulted from excessive use of force against a minor and \$215,000 from incidents that occurred on CPS grounds;” and

**WHEREAS**, discipline, criminalization, and over-policing of Black students has proven to be ineffective in the improvement of outcomes, damaging on their health and well-being, and restorative practices are proven to be a powerful tool in the reduction of disproportionate discipline and improved school climate; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois Senate Bill 100 was signed in 2015 and intended to address the causes and consequences of the “school-to-prison” pipeline which disproportionately affects Black students. Senate Bill 100 explicitly requires that schools minimize exclusionary discipline practices such as suspension and expulsion; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois House Bill 2859 was signed in 1991 and section 27-20.4 of the Illinois School Code mandated that “every public elementary school and high school shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Black History;” and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of ethnic studies and culturally sustaining curricula is of critical importance to supporting the leaning needs of all students, but particularly Black students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners of Cook County proclaims February 3-7, 2020 as Black Lives Matter At School week.

[20-1228](#)

**Sponsored by:** DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING MR. MARK MITCHELL FOR HIS DEDICATION, COMMITMENT AND LEADERSHIP TO THE ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS,** Mark M. Mitchell accepted the position of Director of Reentry Services for Teamwork Englewood in January of 2017. He revolutionized the organization's reentry program in May of that year to develop a unique best-evidence model that has resulted in over 900 recently released middle-aged returning citizens becoming employed, with the many of them being first time employees and;

**WHEREAS,** For the past decade, Mr. Mitchell has volunteered as the Senior Reentry Coordinator for the National Alliance for the Empowerment of the Formerly Incarcerated. He is the Co-Founder of the Man-Up Spiritual Retreat, a men's recovery-based community that meets annually throughout the United States for the last 20 years and;

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Mitchell himself has been detached from the penal system for over 20 years, after spending the bulk of his adult life involved in the Criminal Justice System with over 10 felony convictions. His commitment throughout the second half of his adult life has been to aid individuals whose lives have been impacted by a culture of drugs, crime and incarceration and;

**WHEREAS,** He has been drug free for 20 years and has an excellent understanding of the challenges one faces while in recovery. Since coming out of prison, he has attained four educational accomplishments: An A.A. in Science; a B.A. in Arts (minor in Criminal Justice); as well as two master's degrees in Criminal Justice and Political and Justice Studies and;

**WHEREAS;** As a prominent figure in the Get Cleared campaign, he has used his knowledge of the Criminal Justice System to assist over 350 ex-offenders in expunging and sealing their criminal records in the last twelve months and;

**WHEREAS,** as a certified educator for the Community Justice Initiative, Mr. Mitchell has led Know Your Rights workshops to empower community members to invoke their Constitutional Rights when stopped by police. Mr. Mitchell plans to further expand Teamwork Englewood's employment programming with funding from the A2J grant to focus on employment retention efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** Cook County Government acknowledges Mr. Mark M. Mitchell 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 5.2 million residents of Cook

County do hereby recognized Mr. Mark M. Mitchell for his invaluable, dedication, commitment and leadership to the residents of the Englewood Community 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 Mr. Mark M. Mitchell and copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion.

[20-1231](#)

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

**HONORING THE LADIES OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. 107th FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION AND FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University to promote academic excellence and aid those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc three basic principles are Scholarship, Public Service, and Sisterhood; and

**WHEREAS**, these examples have withstood the test of time and are exemplified through the five-point programmatic thrust which are: Educational Development, Economic Development, Political Awareness and Involvement, International Awareness and Involvement along with Physical and Mental Health; and

**WHEREAS**, In March of 1913, the Founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. performed their first public act of service by participating in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was incorporated in 1930; has gone on to grow into an organization with over 300,000 members spanning more than 900 chapters around the world, its members count among them doctors, lawyers, teachers, preachers, technicians, and government officials; and

**WHEREAS**, some notable Deltas are: Hon. Shirley Chisholm, Rudy Dee Davis, Dr. Dorothy I. Height, Hon. Barbara Jordan, Hon, Carrie P. Meek, Hon. Barbara Watson and Cook County's Hon. Dorothy Brown, Hon Carol Moseley Braun, Hon. Kim Foxx, Hon. Kim Lightford, Hon. Camille Lilly, Hon. Nyota Figgs and Hon. Kari Steele; and

**WHEREAS**, there are (seven) Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc in Cook County; Chicago Alumnae, Evanston-North Shore Alumnae, Glen Ellyn Area Alumnae, Joliet Area/South Suburban Alumnae,



Lambda, Theta Alpha, and Upsilon Upsilon Chapters; and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago Alumnae Chapter was established in 1959 with its current headquarters on the Southside of Chicago in the historic Bronzeville community and under the leadership of its Acting President Cathy Walker, and Shaunessye Curry, Second Vice President, Chair Program and Planning and Development. Delta Sigma Theta Chicago Alumnae Chapter currently have close to 700 members; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapters in Cook County conduct Deputy Registrar training, serve as Deputy Registrars, promote census outreach efforts, host fraud awareness workshops for Seniors, host the Bernadette Whitt Mental Health Symposium, educating the community of mental health issues, conduct an annual book bag and school supply drive serving hundreds of children in Cook County, provide academic scholarships for college bound students and participate in a host of other programs serving the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to congratulate the members of the Cook County Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. on the occasion of the sorority's 107th Anniversary.

**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 women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for their leadership, dedication and commitment and hereby proclaimed January 13, 2020 as Delta Sigma Theta Day in Cook County and herewith our sincere gratitude for your service to the community and residents of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body an official copy of the same be tendered to Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. in honor of this auspicious and esteemed occasion.