



**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 - Fourth Set

[20-1173](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**HONORING DONEGAL IMPORTS FOR THEIR 40 YEAR BUSINESS
ANNIVERSARY AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO COOK COUNTY'S DIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, Alex McGrath and Sheila McGrath opened Donegal Imports on November 9, 1979; and

WHEREAS, Donegal Imports is an Irish import store located at 5358 West Devon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646; and,

WHEREAS, Donegal Imports contributes to the diverse make up of Cook County; and,

WHEREAS, as of the last U.S Census, the Irish population embodies nearly 7.9% of Cook County; and,

WHEREAS, Donegal Imports connects Cook County to Ireland's rich culture by featuring key cultural mementos and foods such as Waterford crystal, Aran knit sweaters, hats and caps, Irish sausages and rashers; and,

WHEREAS, Donegal Imports is also one of the only places where Cook County residents can get access to newspapers directly printed in Ireland in their printed form; and,

WHEREAS, every year Donegal Imports supports WGN's Wally Philips and the Neediest Kids Fund by donating a crystal Waterford Chandelier; and,

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the McGrath Family, owners of Donegal Imports, were voted "Irish Family of the Year," at the Roche Irish Feis; and,

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2019, Donegal Imports celebrated their 40th year in business and more importantly, enriching the diverse landscape of Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and residents of Cook County honors Donegal Imports for their 40 Year Business Anniversary and their contribution to Cook County's diversity.

[20-1230](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND MACEO WOODS

WHEREAS, Pastor Maceo Woods, was born on April 23, 1930 on the South side of Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Maceo Woods lived in Chicago and was a Cook County resident who selflessly made extraordinary contributions to gospel music and help organize Chicago's Gospel Music Festival; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Woods, started his gospel music career, it was in 1954 with the release of Amazing Grace that started him on a musical journey that spanned over the course of 50 plus years; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Woods founded Christian Tabernacle Church at 47th and Prairie Street the birthplace of the dynamic Christian Tabernacle choir; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1960's Pastor Woods invited Rev. C.L. Franklin to Chicago for a gospel program and the Detroit minister brought his daughter-Aretha Franklin; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Woods who established a radio show that was an inspirational beacon for night shift workers, cabbies, and students. Midnight Gospel which started on WNIB, then moved to WCFL and later WLS Sunday Jubilee Showcase; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Woods, in 2014 was honored with a Legends Award from gospels music's Stellar Awards and was also recognized with a lifetime achievement award from Chicago Gospel Music Awards; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Maceo Woods passed away on January 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, is survived by his son Len Eric Woods; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Pastor Maceo Woods and honor the life and memory of this outstand Cook County resident.

20-1232

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HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF DR. JOHN JAY SHANNON, M.D.

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board President and the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to honor Dr. John Jay Shannon, M.D., who served as Chief Executive Officer of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System from 2014 to 2019, for his hard work and dedication toward furthering Cook County's 180-year public health mission of delivering integrated health services with dignity and respect regardless of a patient's ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Shannon's leadership, Cook County Health is continuing a transformative journey, developing innovative and integrative approaches to the fulfillment of Cook County Health's mission by aligning its role as a provider of care, both in traditional and correctional settings, a public health authority and a health plan; and. The journey has included significant investments in outpatient services to shift the system from its historic role as a provider of sick care to a provider of choice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon's journey at Cook County Health has included a significant policy shift and investment in outpatient services to shift Cook County Health from its historic role as a provider of sick care to a provider of health care.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon spent most of his professional career at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, formerly Cook County Hospital. He first joined the medical staff in 1990 and served in several roles, including Director of the Adult Asthma Clinic, where he led several quality improvement collaborations aimed at improving the delivery of care for asthma patients within the health system and across the County. He also served as an Associate Chair of the Department of Medicine and Chief of the Divisions of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Stroger; and

WHEREAS, prior to Cook County Health, Dr. Shannon served as Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas from 2007-2012. While there, he served for two years as a trustee of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Hospital Council.

WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon is a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep, earned his bachelor's degree from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama and returned to Cook County to earn a medical degree from Rush Medical College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon and his wife Robin are the parents of three adult children and the grandparents of two young boys.

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Shannon, Cook County Health has improved and added patient services and access to care, built the largest Medicaid managed care plan in Cook County despite competing with national brands and made significant and long-overdue upgrades and modernization of the facilities - all while significantly reducing Cook County Health's reliance on local taxpayer support.

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Shannon, Cook County Health has invested substantially in quality and safety improvement initiatives, advocacy initiatives and fiscal stewardship that has led to:

- The Joint Commission accreditation for Stroger, Provident and their associated ambulatory services, Primary Care Medical Home certification for our Community Health Systems.
- The creation of a national model for correctional health that has led to better outcomes for our patients and the dissolution of a ten-year consent decree at the Cook County Jail.
- The establishment of an ophthalmology center and new digital mammography, radiology and nuclear medicine technology at Provident Hospital.
- Integration of behavioral health into primary care and Naloxone distribution at the Cook County Jail as part of an overarching strategy of medication assisted treatment for individuals with opioid use disorders.
- Investment of millions in long-overdue capital equipment replacement.
- Advocacy at every level of government to protect the Affordable Care Act and expanded access to populations historically left behind.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Dr. John J. Shannon is recognized for the positive impact he has made at the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, positioning the Cook County Health to continue its core mission for years to come, and we wish him the best on his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. John J. Shannon as a symbol of our respect and his dedication to Cook County Health.

[20-1256](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE VIETNAMESE ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS EFFORTS FOCUSED ON SERVING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND CELEBRATING THE ANNUAL TET (LUNAR NEW YEAR) WITH THE COOK COUNTY VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese Association of Illinois (VAI) was founded in 1976, and has since then focused on serving diverse communities of all ethnicities and religions, fostering unity, and promoting the Vietnamese American identity; and,

WHEREAS, the VAI has served thousands of Vietnamese Americans and other ethnic communities through facilitating resettlement and citizenship, building community, strengthening cultural heritage and more; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of VAI strongly upholds the values of community development and service through its programs; and,

WHEREAS, the VAI uses a multigenerational approach to engage members across various age segments to develop skills and improve the economic wellbeing of the Cook County landscape; and,

WHEREAS, among its many achievements, the VAI has also established successful programs in the areas of adult literacy and education, civic engagement and educational development, community empowerment, immigrant resources and youth centered programs; and,

WHEREAS, this year, the VAI is celebrating the 2020 Tet (Lunar New Year) and is expecting an attendance of over 450, including elected officials, supporters, community members and their families; and,

WHEREAS, since 1985, the VAI has been hosting the Annual Tet to commemorate the Vietnamese heritage with an unwavering commitment to serve all regardless of cultural background and to bring cultural diversity to Cook County; and,

WHEREAS, Tet translated means a “Feast of the First Morning of the First Day;” and is an occasion to hope for a better upcoming year and is considered to be the first day of spring.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and residents of Cook County recognize the Vietnamese Association of Illinois for their tremendous efforts focused on serving diverse communities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the residents of Cook County celebrate the Annual Tet (Lunar New Year) with the Cook County Vietnamese community.

[20-1260](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING JAMIE JONES FOR HER SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY AND HER EXAMPLE OF STRENGTH AND BRAVERY**

WHEREAS, Secretary to the Board employee Jamie Jones is leaving Cook County Government in January 2020 after a 20-year career of serving the residents of Cook County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure with Cook County, Jamie gained a reputation as a positive and vibrant personality who was a team player with a determination to always do things right; and

WHEREAS, the former Jamie Humphrey was born in Chicago and grew up as one of three sisters. A 2000 graduate of Willowbrook High School, Jamie would meet David Jones in 1999, who would later turn out to be the love of her life. After being set up to attend a wedding in 2003-Jamie's "Best Date Ever." Jamie and Dave would be married in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Jamie began working for Cook County Highway Department as a summer aide; working and assisting in various divisions of that Department including Personnel, Map Division, Design Bureau, Permits Division, and Superintendent of Highways; and

WHEREAS, Jamie began working full-time for Cook County Superintendent of Highways in September, 2000 and assisted the Design Bureau sometime after; and

WHEREAS, from 2003-2008, Jamie worked for Cook County Department of Office Technology as Administrative Assistant to the Director, as well as working at the Technology's Help desk and as timekeeper; and

WHEREAS, Jamie's talents would lead to her move to the Secretary to the Board's office in 2008. Jamie Jones would become the face of the Secretary to the Board's office to most of the public, the commissioners and staff; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Jamie and Dave would begin the joyous expansion of their family, welcoming their son Nicholas. In 2011, their oldest daughter Emma was born. Four years later, on New Year's Eve, Jamie and Dave were surprised to find out that twins were on the way. Identical twins Irena and Michaela would make their Jones family debut in 2016; and

WHEREAS, while Jamie's growing family would provide a constant source of wonder and excitement, a health challenge would present itself in Jamie. Although breast cancer would try to threaten her happiness, Jamie would not allow the disease to define her. Resolving to fight, Jamie worked closely with her family, friends and medical team, formulated a strategy and beat breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Jamie would return to work with the same spirit and determination she had before her illness. Jamie would play a key role in improving the live stream of the Cook County Board Meetings and

helping to grow the nascent Archives and Records function in the Secretary to the Board office; and

WHEREAS, despite a recurrence of her cancer in 2019, Jamie and her family refused to allow the disease to win. Faced with a daunting challenge of stopping the spread of this disease a second time, we are extremely happy to say that effort has been successful in stopping the progression of that disease, that Jamie is getting stronger and that she is moving forward and looking onward to each new day.

WHEREAS, those new days are much brighter and more full with the presence of her family. Being there for them-and the family being there for her-have been essential to Jamie's return to health; and

WHEREAS, to continue her recovery amongst her family-her greatest source of strength-and to live life as fully as possible each day, Jamie is leaving Cook County. While her effervescent presence, attention to detail and positive attitude will be missed in our office, We are glad she will be able to dedicate herself to those she loves and those who love her most, as she lives by the motto, "Make each day meaningful;" and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million Cook County residents and more than 22,000 employees of Cook County, congratulate Jamie Jones upon the occasion of joining her family to enjoy every moment of life;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jamie's family have patience with her as she repeatedly enjoys her farewell gift--the DVD box set of her all time favorite television show "*The Office: The Complete Series, Seasons 1-9.*"

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 the same be tendered to Jamie Jones.