



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Virtual Meeting**

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, October 22, 2020, 10:00 AM**

**Second Set**

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**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA and SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COOK COUNTY RECOGNIZES OCTOBER 2020 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, October is nationally known as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and a time to uplift the experiences and resilience of survivors, as well as educate and support households experiencing this hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pattern of physical and psychological abuse, threats, intimidation, isolation, or economic coercion used by one person to exert power and control over another person in the context of a dating, familial, or household relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, intimate partner violence can happen to anyone at any point in a relationship, and affects people of all ages as well as all racial, ethnic, gender, economic, and religious backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, women are disproportionately victims of domestic violence, as 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men ages 18 and older will experience domestic violence at some point in their life; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 37.7% of women in Illinois 37.7% and 25.7% of men in Illinois experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS**, a June 2020 report from The Network indicated that there were 2,458 domestic violence related incidents documented by the Cook County Sheriff's Office in 2019 alone; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Institute for Women's Policy Research, approximately 40% of Black women and 34.4% of Latina women will endure domestic violence at some point in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, Black women experience intimate partner violence at a rate 35% higher than that of white females, and about 2.5 times the rate of women of other races and are less likely than white women to use social services, battered women's programs, or go to the hospital because of domestic violence, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Feminist Majority Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, 63% of victimized Latinas experience multiple acts of victimization, Latino victims are less likely to tell health care workers, and Latino victims report seeking local shelters less than women from other ethnic/racial groups due to language barriers and fear of immigration enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, noncitizen victims of domestic violence report heightened concerns with accessing law enforcement and services due to uncertainty arising from changing immigration policies and heightened immigration enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ domestic violence victims face barriers unique to their status, such as lack of access to domestic violence shelters, according to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we acknowledge the progress made in this field and embrace the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse, and recognize that more work remains until every individual is able to live free from fear; and

**WHEREAS**, this month, we recognize the unique circumstances faced by survivors and individuals facing domestic violence due to the public health crisis of COVID-19 and the negative impact it has had on the delivery of social services and access to resources; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Nation Coalition Against Domestic Violence, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls a day, an average of close to 15 calls every minute; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of domestic violence who worked with advocates experienced less violence over time, reported higher quality of life and social support, and had less difficulty obtaining community resources over time, according to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to increase-not reduce-funding for programs aimed at intervening in and preventing domestic violence in Cook County and throughout the United States; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends domestic violence victim advocates, victim service providers, crisis hotline staff and first responders for their compassionate support of survivors of domestic violence, and commits to continuing to raise awareness of domestic violence and the corresponding devastating effects of domestic violence on survivors, families, and communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners officially recognizes October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and call on the Cook County community to reaffirm their commitment to speaking out against domestic violence, assist victims in finding the help and healing they need, and work collaboratively to ending domestic violence in our community.

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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**COOK COUNTY WOMEN'S CAUCUS RECOGNIZES OCTOBER 2020 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY, IL**

**WHEREAS**, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness and public knowledge of this disease, especially the importance of early detection of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, more than 268,000 women and approximately 2,600 men are diagnosed with breast cancer annually according to the Susan G. Komen Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, as of January 2020, the American Cancer Society reported that there are more than 3.5 million women with a history of breast cancer in the U.S. which includes women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment; 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**, having access to regular mammography screening can help reduce breast cancer mortality by finding breast cancer early, when the chance of successful treatment is best; and

**WHEREAS**, mammography screenings are still important during the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to promote breast cancer screenings and overcome barriers to healthcare access for populations with low screening rate must be at the forefront of our focus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor breast cancer patients, survivors and their families, recognizes the courage and strength of the individuals 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 Cook County Board President and Members of the Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 2020 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Cook County; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[20-4844](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE WORK AND DEDICATION OF THE GAGE PARK LATINX COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Gage Park Latinx Council (GPLXC) is a community-based grassroots organization; for the advancement of cultural and social justice for the residents of Gage Park and its bordering communities, and

**WHEREAS**, the GPLXC was founded in 2018 by Antonio Santos and twin sisters Samantha and Katia Martinez - all lifelong Gage Park residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the GPLXC organizes socially and politically in order to create a strong, safe, and culturally rich Gage Park that is reflective of the diverse Latinx working-class community; and

**WHEREAS**, the GPLXC is committed to creating a strong sense of community and identity through art, access to information, education, social justice, and direct positive actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the GPLXC has raised over \$65,000 for undocumented families living on the Southwest side of Chicago, which allowed them to provide financial assistance to over 100 families who did not qualify for federal aid during the pandemic, and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the pandemic, GPLXC operated a free food pantry that is accessible and welcoming to all and has distributed thousands of boxes of fresh produce to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the GPLXC's free art programs are designed to engage youth in learning and community building with a focus on highlighting Latinx culture and celebrating creativity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gage Park Mural Project is an art initiative of GPLXC to support and connect local youth artists with opportunities to create public works of art that are reflective of the Gage Park community; and

**WHEREAS**, the GPLXC invites LGBTQIA+ identified persons from the Southwest side of Chicago to create community and connect with one another through the Southwest side queer & trans network; and

**WHEREAS**, the GPLXC also has a First Generation Student Network that works to build community and support with Southwest side students who are the first in their families to pursue higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, the GPLXC has a community cleanup initiative bringing together volunteers to clear the streets of litter. The annual program is designed to create access to public space while creating awareness around the environment and the lack of access to basic city services in Gage Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the GPLXC opened its cultural center in early September at 2711 W. 51st St; and

**WHEREAS**, the GPLXC is still operating during the pandemic, amid many safety and sanitary measures. They're letting community members reserve the space to privately use as a place to study or play.

**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 Gage Park Latinx Council; 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 Gage Park Latinx Council in honor of its outstanding achievements.

[20-4857](#)

**Sponsored by:** BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING SARAH'S CIRCLE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING SERVICES TO WOMEN AND HELPING WOMEN TO PERMANENTLY END THEIR HOMELESSNESS**

**WHEREAS**, Sarah's Circle offers a full continuum of services today and focuses on transitioning women who are homeless into permanent housing; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sarah's Circle envisions a safe and secure home for every woman in Chicago; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1979, Sarah's Circle was started to address the plight of women who were suffering from homelessness; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sarah's Circle was started with compassion and spirit of service, and the agency continues to be a safe, welcoming space for women experiencing homelessness; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sarah's Circle provides resources and services to women so they can access shelter, food, showers, community and more; and,

**WHEREAS**, after over 40 years of service, Sarah's Circle is still growing to meet the needs of women and is working to meet the challenge of homelessness with a new facility that will provide 38 units of permanent supportive housing, more program space and an upgraded space for interim Housing Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the new facility is expected to open this year, in the fall of 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sarah's Circle utilizes the Housing First model to eliminate barriers to entry and uses a trauma-informed approach; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sarah's Circle staff use best practices and provide case management supportive services to help women achieve their goals in the following areas: welcome all women with safety, respect and

community, support women's growth in all aspects of wellness, and help each woman find her home; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the residents of Cook County honor Sarah's Circle for their commitment to providing service to women and helping women to permanently end their homelessness.

[20-4861](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING CYNTHIA YVETTE LOVE FOR HER LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE ENGLEWOOD AND AUBURN GRESHAM COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Yvette Love was born and raised in the Englewood area on the Southside of Chicago. Her parents taught her from an early age the importance of advocating for your community. Growing up, Mrs. Love watched her mother work faithfully as an election judge, volunteer at her children's school and serve wherever needed in the community. and;

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Yvette Love saw loving examples from her family as a steppingstone and has inspired Mrs. Love to work feverishly in her own community-Auburn Gresham, where she has lived for over 30 years. One of her goals is to help to influence change as well as equal representation of housing and other services provided to the people in her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Yvette Love is President of Block-by-Block of Auburn-Gresham, Mrs. Love works to orchestrate monthly community cleanups and food distributions and established the Homeowner University initiative to educate new/potential homebuyers, enhance pride of ownership and encourage community involvement in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood and;

**WHEREAS**, She serves on the Board for the Southside Veterans Day Parade and acts as Project Coordinator for Winneconna Wonderland Community Festival in the 17th Ward with her favorite Alderman David Moore. She also works faithfully alongside of other volunteers at the Mt Hermon Missionary Baptist Church Monthly Produce Giveaway and;

**WHEREAS**, She has also participated in various other activities including the Faith Community of St. Sabina Annual Day of Service, Christian Hope Missionary Baptist Church Annual Spring & Fall Festivals and the Veterans Appreciation Day Luncheon just to name a few and;

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Yvette Love was recognized for her commitment to community support & fair housing opportunities for all, Mrs. Love had the honor of being inducted into the Board of Directors at Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago and;

**WHEREAS**, In addition to her community involvements, Mrs. Love also possesses over 30 years of real

estate experience to the table. She is a certified HVAC technician and trained in the field of Stationary Engineering. Her experience has proven to be invaluable as she uses all of her knowledge and skills to help establish a good quality of life to the Auburn Gresham residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Yvette Love genuinely loves working in her community and feels blessed to have the opportunity to be the change that she wants to see and;

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Yvette Love has been married for over 30 years and has 2 children, and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government acknowledges Cynthia Yvette Love 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 recognize Cynthia Yvette Love for her invaluable, leadership, dedication and commitment to the residents of Englewood and Auburn Gresham 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. Cynthia Yvette Love and a copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion.

[20-4865](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING MRS. TRACIE WORTHY FOR LEADERSHIP, COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION IN THE NORTH LAWDALE COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, Tracie Worthy is a Pittsburgh Pennsylvania native, her commitment to the health and well-being of individuals and families led to her move to Chicago in 1993, and making the North Lawndale Community her home Tracie has been blessed to be a visionary, encourager and supporter to the people that she works with in her community ; and

**WHEREAS**, Tracie Worthy received her B.A, in Psychology from Duquesne University and her M.Ed. in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Pittsburgh. She began her professional career at the Lawndale Christian Health Center, Chicago, IL. During that time, she served as a counselor, outreach worker, grant manager and a supervisor focusing on mental health and wellness initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Tracie Worthy; later joined the Lawndale Christian Development Corporation as the New Community Program Director. She recognized and supported community stakeholders, igniting community pride by incubating the MLK District Garden. It was a collaborative initiative designed to address issues related to safety, beautification and food insecurity; and



**WHEREAS**, Tracie Worthy joined I AM ABLE Center for Family Development as the first 8-Block Leader in order to support the Trauma Response and Intervention Movement (TR4IM) a program designed to help residents respond to, remove, reduce and recover from trauma 8-Blocks at a time. She volunteered as the first 8-Block Leader and later became the Director of ABLE's Community Collaboration and Resident Engagement (CCRE) Program and TRIM Supervisor. She facilitated a partnership with Harmony's Food Pantry to deliver food to seniors in the 8-block Sector that continues to provide support throughout COVID-19. She is now currently the Vice President and Healthy Relationships Coordinator at I AM ABLE; and

**WHEREAS**, Tracie Worthy is extremely grateful for God's grace in her life, she has been married for 40 years to Thomas Worthy and has one son Taylor Worthy; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government acknowledges Tracie Worthy for transforming lives through community engagement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the over five million residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize Tracie Worthy for her leadership, commitment, and dedication in the North Lawndale community and so wish Tracie Worthy every continued success in her future endeavors, and may a copy of this resolution be tendered herewith.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Tracie Worthy, and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[20-4867](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING OCTOBER 29, 2020 AS LATINA EQUAL PAY DAY**

**WHEREAS**, fifty-seven years ago, in 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the Equal Pay Act into law which requires employers to give "equal pay for equal work" and one year later, in 1964, the Civil Rights Act was passed in which Title VII of that act barred all discrimination in employment, including discrimination in hiring, firing, promotion, and wages on the bases of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin;

**WHEREAS**, in 2009 President Barack Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law, which served to further strengthened previously established anti discriminatory labor laws: and

**WHEREAS**, "Equal Pay Day" was initiated in 1996 by the National Committee on Pay Equity to

symbolize how far into the current year a woman must work to earn as much as man doing similar work earned in the previous year; and

**WHEREAS**, Overall, women in the United States, who work full-time, year-round, are compensated only 82 cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts. Over the course of her lifetime, this gap will cost a woman and her family lost wages, reduced pensions and diminished Social Security benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the compounding effects of gender and racial discrimination, for women of the color, the pay gap is even wider; and

**WHEREAS**, for every \$1 earned by white non-Hispanic males, Asian American and Pacific Islander women earn 90 cents, Black women earn 62 cents, Native American women earn 60 cents and Latinas earn just 55 cents; and

**WHEREAS**, because of these disparities and Equal Pay Day Chicago organizers have moved the official date of the Equal Pay Day Rally from March to Latina Equal Pay Day which will be held on October 29, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, October 29, 2020 is a stark reminder of the significant disparity and amount of time it takes for Latina women to make as much as a white, non-Hispanic man; and

**WHEREAS**, Latina women represent 27.9 million of the U.S. population and Latinxs are driving the American economy with \$1.7 trillion in purchasing power; and

**WHEREAS**, equal pay for all women is essential to the economic stability and success for Latinas, their families and their communities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognizes the disparity between wages paid to all women, especially Latina women and its impact on their lives, families and community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners honor October 29, 2020 as Latina Equal Pay Day and reaffirms its commitment to closing the wage gap for all women.