#### **COOK COUNTY BOARD MEETING 1/28/2021**

## **SUPPORT FOR 21-0565 (INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY) and 21-0597 (COOK COUNTY LAND ACKNOWLEGEMENT)**

- 1. Alderwoman Maria Hadden, 49th Ward Chicago
- 2. Monica Rickert-Bolter Concerned Citizen
- 3. Charlie Maiorca Klepac Concerned Citizen
- 4. Will Guzzardi State Representative, 39th District
- 5. Dr. Sarah E. Dennis, Adjunct Professor of Education (RE: CPS Impact study)
- 6. Holly Fingerle Concerned Citizen
- 7. Les Begay Business Development, Wireless Solutions
- 8. Naomi Goldstein Concerned Citizen
- 9. Florian Palucci Concerned Citizen
- 10. Colt Borg Concerned Citizen
- 11. Ashley Helminski University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 12. Leon J. Evans McKensie Mack Group
- 13. Maria Santillan Concerned Citizen
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- 19. Bonnie Richardson Chicago
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- 40. Jay Sherby Concerned Citizen
- 41. Marie L. Winnick MLW Language
- 42. Mo Komperda Concerned Citizen
- 43. Keyla Ferraro Concerned Citizen
- 44. Kristin Oberdorf Chicago
- 45. Laurel Chen Concerned Citizen

- 46. Carrol Smith Oak Park
- 47. Lavender Rodriguez Concerned Citizen48. Chelsea Wooding North Park University
- 49. Ron Baiman Oak Park
- 50. Lura Meisch Concerned Citizen
- 51. JeeYeun Lee Chicago
- 52. Marjorie Fritz-Birch Concerned Citizen
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### To the Cook County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing you today to express my support for the proposed resolution celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day, Resolution #21-0565. To fully perform the County's duty to support all communities' diversity, equity and inclusion, it must acknowledge the fact that America's Native peoples were systematically removed in order to provide the foundation on which our county and cities rest upon today.

I believe that this resolution is a responsible first step in reconciling this fact and its legacy of violence in order to support our county's vibrant Native communities, which continue to practice cultural traditions, care for the land, and educate others about the Native American perspective. Indigenous Peoples' Day will be a formal opportunity to celebrate Indigenous cultures in the County, recognizing the vital contributions of our county's first peoples.

I fully support this proposed resolution knowing it will provide a vital first step in acknowledging our County's history and the legacy of its Native communities.

Sincerely,

Maria E. Hadden

Alderwoman

Chicago's 49th Ward

#### **IPD Support Statement**

As a Cook County resident from Bridget Gainer's District 10, I strongly support recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day (File #21-0565) and the reading of a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board meetings (File #21-0597). I offer my perspective as a tri-racial (Afro-Indigenous-White) Chicago-based artist and advocate, our county can do better.

By taking these steps today, future generations of Cook County residents will take pride in knowing that our current generation upheld commitments to racial equity and recognized Native peoples' sacrifices as well as our sordid relationship with the US Government. Indigenous people continue to show resiliency and adaptability despite forced removal, centuries' worth of genocide, and the erasure of many Native cultures. When we educate and acknowledge our shared, controversial history, we eradicate misinformation and move forward in the racial healing process.

We all reside on Native lands, and it's our collective responsibility to appreciate the Indigenous people that came before us.

Monica Rickert-Bolter (Potawatomi/Black/White)
Visual artist/Journalist/Native Advocate

From: Sarah E. Dennis

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)

Cc: <u>Clinee Hedspeth (Board of Commissioners)</u>; <u>Les Begay</u>

**Subject:** #21-0565 - #3 to be read aloud into record **Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:18:53 PM

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(Yes we'd sent this one for last month, but it wasn't read aloud, so we're requesting it be read aloud.)

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From: Charlieklepac < charlieklepac@gmail.com >

Date: Wed, Dec 16, 2020 at 8:58 AM Subject: Indigenous Peoples' Day

To: < cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov>

Cc: < bill.lowry@cookcountyil.gov >, Sarah E. Dennis < ipd4cps@gmail.com >

#### Good morning,

I am a constituent of Commissioner Lowry, and I support Resolution #21-0565 that will be introduced at the December Board Meeting to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day. I hope the many thousands of residents in Cook County who are supportive of this change can count on your vote also!

As an Italian-American, I say factually that Columbus Day is rooted in fiction and obstruction. Columbus sailed for the kingdom of Spain and served no national purpose or loyalty to Italy, which at the time of Columbus, bared little to no semblance to the nation many of our ancestors emigrated from in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The unification of Italy was not until 1861.

The notion that Columbus exists as an Italian-American/American hero or commemorates Italian nationalism is unfounded and false as the man did not set foot on modern-day American soil but on the Caribbean islands known as the West Indies - also a misnomer based on the false understanding that Columbus had arrived in India, the Asian subcontinent.

Additionally, Columbus never sought the United States but inadvertently arrived in the Caribbean searching for India, further adding to the erroneous construct of Columbus Day serving as an Italian-American/American heritage celebration.

The truth is that Columbus Day serves as a dismal reminder of the horrors of colonization and violent European expansion into the Western Hemisphere. Columbus and his army consisting primarily of mercenaries, pirates, and criminals brutalized the peoples of the Caribbean and made way for the genocide of the Indigenous peoples of North America.

The marginalized population of peoples who are forced to acknowledge this day, not of peace but of violence and ignorance, need to be heard and Columbus Day must be stricken from our recognized holiday list.

Instead, the very people who suffered because of men like Columbus need to be acknowledged and celebrated for their contribution to this nation. The indigenous peoples must be respected, heard, and celebrated.

A vote and change of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day is a good start.

Sincerely,

Charles Maiorca Klepac

#### ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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3458 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60641 (773) 853-2570 (Office)

### Will Guzzardi STATE REPRESENTATIVE 39<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT

December 17, 2020

Cook County Board of Commissioners 118 N. Clark St. Suite 567 Chicago, IL 60602

To whom it may concern:

I write in support of the proposal to rename Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day. I have supported this change in the Illinois legislature in the guise of Rep. Ramirez's House Bill 5533, and I urge my home county of Cook to lead the way on this issue.

Christopher Columbus never set foot in the present-day United States. Instead, he traveled a number of islands in the Caribbean, enslaving many of the native population and spreading disease that ravaged the rest. For too long, our education system has focused on the arrival of Columbus as the beginning of American history, while ignoring the millennia of rich and complex history of Tribal Nations on this soil.

By naming this day Indigenous Peoples' Day, we can refocus our education system on those Indigenous peoples — their history in its own right, their relationships and treaties with European settlers, and the violations of those treaties that resulted in mass displacement and genocide.

Many of my fellow Italian-Americans believe preserving Columbus Day is important to honor our heritage. I share their view that our heritage is important and deserves to be remembered. But I believe that there are many other Italian-American role models we could honor whose legacies aren't tarnished by mass murder.

Thank you for your consideration,

Will Guzzardi

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State Representative, 39th District

President Preckwinkle and Cook County Commissioners:

As a Professor of Education who thinks A LOT about children/youth in schools...we designed a survey of families and staff of the Chicago Public Schools to get feedback on the impact of their making the name change from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day in February of 2020.

# Of the respondents so far, when asked what emotion words they FELT when CPS made this change they replied:

"Ecstatic, excited, relieved, optimistic, validated, hopeful, happy, proud, thankful/grateful, surprised it hadn't happened much sooner, inspired, thrilled, vindicated, and empowered."

Don't you want this for students and families/teachers/staff in all of Cook County?? 92% of Survey respondents were very happy with CPS's decision.

#### Some of the comments were as follows:

"As someone with 50% indigenous DNA, it felt so gratifying to know schools will finally recognize the peoples that Columbus unjustly killed. This is an important step in dismantling White Supremacy in our culture."

"As a descendant of the Coahuiltecan nation I am encouraged and relieved that there are people willing to stand up to injustice."

# When asked about the effect the holiday name change has had on their child/students since CPS made the change to Indigenous Peoples' Day, people wrote:

"The name of the holiday matches with the history she has and will continue to learn, about indigenous people's struggles and resilience."

"It has given clarity and an honest celebration of America and the people who were here before us."

"I think it helps my children recognize that how history is written and by whom, matters."

"It has made them curious about the Native Americans of Illinois and civil rights issues."

"My students recognize the struggle Indigenous people have faced and continue to face today."

"My child sees the justice in this because she knows that Columbus was not a just person."

"My kindergartener will be more exposed to the contributions of first Nations people that was missing from my school textbooks."

"It has reinforced our family's belief that there needs to be greater efforts to bring light to the history and current conditions of Indigenous People."

"I think they feel proud and happy that Indigenous people are being recognized."

"We still had and have to be critical of all learning materials because it is still informed by patriarchal, capitalistic, white supremacist cultures and norms."

"It's acknowledging the individuals who were here first and not a colonizer. It's been a positive effect."

"It's easier to teach the subject in the younger grades in a diverse school knowing we're not championing a terrible person."

97% of respondents said they think Cook County changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day would be: "AMAZING!/SO EXCITING!"

When prompted to complete the sentence: "When CPS made the holiday name change from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day in Feb of 2020... I thought...

The majority of respondents said things like, "Finally!!! It's about time. What took so long? I hope the city, county, state and country follow suit."

One parent reflected that the name change has, "increased our trust in CPS making steps in the right direction towards authentic equitable education."

Don't you want to do the same for all of Cook County and the Cook County Forest Preserves? PLEASE stand on the side of racial equity by passing #21-0565 and File #21-0597 as soon as possible!

With gratitude and in solidarity,

Dr. Sarah E. Dennis

Adjunct Professor of Education at UIC (formerly at NYU, Roosevelt University and Loyola University)

From: Holly Fingerle

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)
Subject: : SUPPORT File #21-0565 and #21-0597
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:00:41 PM

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Cook County Commissioners & Board Secretary,

I am a Cook County resident strongly in support of changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day (File #21-0565) and the reading of a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board meetings (File #21-0597), both referred to committees at the Dec 2020 Board Meeting.

As we approach the 134th Anniversary on Feb 8, 2021 of one of the most devastating historical events to Native people in the history of this country, when the U.S. Government devised a way to steal the largest amount of Native land under the guise that it was helping Native people become "civilized," with the signing of the Dawes Act of 1887, I and thousands of other Cook County residents call on you to uphold your commitment to racial equity, and begin to right the wrongs of the past.

All of Cook County and Cook County Forest Preserve lands were Native lands before colonizers arrived. The about 65,000 Native residents of Cook County today aren't asking that everyone leave, but they are asking for recognition, and deserve honoring, just as you did recently with Juneteenth!

PLEASE SUPPORT Resolutions #21-0565 and #21-0597. We will be watching Board meetings this week, and in future months thank you.

Sincerely,

Holly Fingerle

From: National Lawyers Guild - Chicago

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Cook County Commissioners & Board Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of the Chicago chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, a group of progressive attorneys, law students and legal workers whose mission is that human rights are held more sacred than property.

I am writing to let you know that we strongly support changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day (File #21-0565) and the reading of a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board meetings (File #21-0597), both referred to committees at the Dec 2020 Board Meeting.

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## PLEASE SUPPORT Resolutions #21-0565 and #21-0597.

Betsy Merbitz she/her/hers Chapter Administrator, Chicago National Lawyers Guild chicago@nlg.org 312-725-8873 From: Les Begay

To: <u>Brandon Johnson (Board of Commissioners)</u>; <u>Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners)</u>; <u>Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners)</u>

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Cc: Clinee Hedspeth (Board of Commissioners); Sarah E. Dennis; CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)

Subject: Bloomingon, IL Indigenous Peoples Day Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:45:15 PM

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Commissioners,

Bloomington, IL passed Indigenous Peoples Day and I hope you will follow with your approval with the upcoming #21-0565 and #21-0597. Approval for Indigenous Peoples Day and a Land Acknowledgement are necessary to move forward with the Board's pledge for racial and social justice.

https://www.centralillinoisproud.com/news/local-news/bloomington-leaders-vote-to-honor-indigenous-people-at-a-city-level-and-advocate-for-them-at-the-state-level/

Thank you.

## Les Begay

Business Development Wireless Solutions C: 201-207-0406 From: <u>Naomi Goldstein</u>

To: <u>CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)</u>; <u>Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners)</u>; <u>Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners)</u>; <u>Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners)</u>

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**Subject:** Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day **Date:** Sunday, January 24, 2021 5:42:42 PM

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From: Florian

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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 Subject:
 SUPPORT File #21-0565 and File #21-0597

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 Wednesday, January 27, 2021 7:00:21 AM

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As an Italian American, I do not believe Christopher Columbus Day honors Italians, as he is responsible for brutality, slavery, and dehumanization of Native Americans. There are much better ways to honor Italian heritage, and one way to do it is to stop celebrating our most notorious murderer and start recognizing the people who lived in the US long before Columbus.

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Best,

Florian Palucci

From: Colt Borg

To: <u>CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)</u>

**Subject:** In support of changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day

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From: Ashley Helminski

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Best,

Ashley Helminski

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From: McKensie Mack Group

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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## All the best,



## Leon J. Evans

Administrative Coordinator

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It's time to go beyond diversity. It's time to redefine relationships.

From:

To:

Ipd4Cps; Bridget Degnen (Board of Commissioners); Frank Aguilar (Board of Commissioners); Scott Britton (Board of Commissioners); Kevin Morrison (Board of Commissioners); Alma Anaya (Board of Commissioners); Brandon Johnson (Board of Commissioners); Sean Morrison (Board of Commissioners); Larry Suffredin; John Daley (Board of Commissioners); District 10; Peter Silvestri; Luis Arroyo Jr (Board of Commissioners); Donna Miller (Board of Commissioners); Deborah Sims (Board of Commissioners); Stanley Moore (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); CookCounty

Board (Secretary to the Board)

Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT File #21-0565 and #21-0597 Sunday, January 24, 2021 6:11:44 PM Date:

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#### PLEASE SUPPORT Resolutions #21-0565 and #21-0597.

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Thank you for your consideration, Maria Santillan Cook County resident From: Ashley Jurek

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)

Subject: Please support File #21-0565 and File #21-0597

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The natives of this country are pushed aside.

Please, Ashley From: <u>Lauren Bell</u>

To: <u>CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)</u>; <u>Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners)</u>; <u>Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners)</u>; <u>Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners)</u>

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Thank you for your work on behalf of people, equity, and justice.

Lauren Bell

From: <u>Lily Elderkin</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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There are countless painful anniversaries of genocide, theft, and brutality of the US Government toward Native peoples. We are coming upon the 134th anniversary of the Dawes Act of 1887. In recognition of this abhorrent piece of legislation and the US's long history of erasing, murdering, and stealing from indigenous people, it is past time to create a day of remembrance and honor for the indigenous peoples whose land we continue to occupy. I and thousands of other Cook County residents call on you to uphold your commitment to racial equity and begin to right the wrongs of the past.

All of Cook County and Cook County Forest Preserve lands were Native lands before colonizers arrived. The approximately 65,000 Native residents of Cook County today aren't asking that everyone leave, but they are asking for recognition. Just as you recently (and rightly!) recognized Juneteenth, we must do the same for Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Please **support** Resolutions #21-0565 and #21-0597. Residents will be watching Board meetings this week, and in future months, and we will remember how you vote

on these when it comes time for your re-election.

Thank you.

Lily Elderkin

From: Matt Priest

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Sarah E. Dennis

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PLEASE SUPPORT Resolution #21-0565! Anything less is unacceptable; the people of Cook County must know they can count on your moral leadership on this issue. Thank you.

Sincerely, Matt Priest From: <u>Dave Peterson</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

Commissioners); Stanley Moore (Board of Commissioners); Deborah Sims (Board of Commissioners); Donna Miller (Board of Commissioners); Luis Arroyo Jr (Board of Commissioners); Peter Silvestri; District 10; John Daley (Board of Commissioners); Larry Suffredin; Sean Morrison (Board of Commissioners); Brandon Johnson (Board of Commissioners); Alma Anaya (Board of Commissioners); Kevin Morrison (Board of Commissioners); Scott Britton (Board of Commissioners); Frank Aquilar (Board of Commissioners); Bridget Degnen (Board of Commissioners);

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On a personal note, resolutions such as these are very long overdue, and should be followed immediately by significant substantive action.

Sincerely,

Dave Peterson, Berwyn Resident

davenpeterson@gmail.com

773-655-3985

From: Bonnie Richardson

To: <u>CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)</u>; <u>Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners)</u>; <u>Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners)</u>; <u>Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners)</u>

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Thank you, Bonnie Richardson 1791 W Howard St Unit 204 Chicago, IL 60626

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<sup>&</sup>quot;We are here to add what we can to life, not to get what we can from life." - William Osler

From: Mariah Karson

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

Commissioners); Stanley Moore (Board of Commissioners); Deborah Sims (Board of Commissioners); Donna Miller (Board of Commissioners); Luis Arroyo Jr (Board of Commissioners); Peter Silvestri; District 10; John Daley (Board of Commissioners); Larry Suffredin; Sean Morrison (Board of Commissioners); Brandon Johnson (Board of Commissioners); Alma Anaya (Board of Commissioners); Kevin Morrison (Board of Commissioners); Scott Britton (Board of Commissioners); Frank Aguilar (Board of Commissioners); Bridget Degnen (Board of Commissioners);

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Mariah Karson She/Her/Hers 773-470-8571 www.mariahkarson.com Author, <u>AMERICAN LEGION</u> From: Maria Starck

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)
Subject: SUPPORT File #21-0565 and #21-0597
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Regards, Maria Starck From: Sergio M. Rivera

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Sergio M. Rivera 4159 N. Mason Ave. Chicago, IL 60634-1614 (312) 637-0076 From: Sierra Coyne

To: Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Scott Britton (Board of Commissioners); Alma Anaya (Board of

Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners); Brandon Johnson (Board of Commissioners); Bridget Degnen (Board of Commissioners); CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Peter Silvestri; Deborah Sims (Board of Commissioners); District 10; Donna Miller (Board of Commissioners); Frank Aguilar (Board of Commissioners); ipd4cps@gmail.com; John Daley (Board of Commissioners); Kevin Morrison (Board of Commissioners); Larry Suffredin; Luis Arroyo Jr (Board of Commissioners); Sean Morrison (Board of

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## Thank you, Sierra Coyne

Sierra Coyne
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | Class of 2021
College of LAS | Molecular & Cellular Biology
Donovan Laboratory | Undergraduate Research Assistant
scoyne3@illinois.edu

From: <u>Angela Washelsky</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Thank you,

Angela Washelesky Partner Culhane Meadows 5521 N Sawyer Ave, Suite 101 Chicago IL 60625 773-320-0593 From: <u>Huu Nguyen</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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From: <u>Cathy King</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Cook County Commissioners & Board Secretary,

I am a voter and Cook County resident with Indigenous Maya family members.

I very strongly support modernizing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day (File #21-0565) and the reading of a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board meetings (File #21-0597), both referred to committees at the Dec 2020 Board Meeting.

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Cathy King 6133 N Springfield Chicago 60659 From: Sophie Cohen

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Thank you for your consideration, Sophie Cohen From: <u>Eleanor Walsh</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)
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Best,

Eleanor Walsh

From: Emily Miller

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Thank you and stay well,

--

Emily Miller LMSW, MSW

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From: <u>Grace Barter</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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| Thank you,<br>Grace                   |
|---------------------------------------|
| Grace Barter gracembarter13@gmail.com |
| She/Hers                              |

From: <u>Karen Torres</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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### Recognizing Indigenous People's Day is an important step in the dismantling of White Supremacy in our culture.

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Thank you,

Karen Torres Voter 60656

From: Sean Kase

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Cc: Sarah E. Dennis

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Thanks, -Sean

From: <u>David Stieber</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Thank you,

Dave Stieber

From: Syda Taylor

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Thank you very much!

In Service, Syda Segovia Taylor



#### She/her/hers

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"We belong to an organic unit and when one part of the organism suffers all of the rest of the body will feel it's consequence." -Baha'i Writings
I acknowledge the original caretakers of this land, the Three Fires Confederacy: Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi; and also

the Myaamia, Inoka, Ho-Chunk, and Menominee. I am humbled to be a guest on this land.

From: <u>Eliza Bangert</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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| Sincerely, | Sir | ncer | ely, |
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Eliza Bangert

From: <u>Taylor Fenderbosch</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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--

**Taylor Fenderbosch** 440.665.9635 she/her

From: <u>Vanessa Padecky</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Sincerely,

Vanessa J Padecky

From: Abby Greaney

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Sincerely,

Abby Greaney

From: Brian J. Solem

To: <u>CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)</u>; <u>Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners)</u>; <u>Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners)</u>; <u>Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners)</u>

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Thank you,

Brian Solem Chicago, IL, 60630 From: <u>Jay Sherby</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Thank you, Jay Sherby From: Marie Winnick

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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While I was growing up, Columbus was almost like a patron saint in my family, probably as much as Santa Lucia, San Giuseppe and Santa Agatha. We never even imagined what his voyages did to the ancestors of our fellow Native citizens, though. We just knew how the image of the warrior/sailor who allegedly had begun the laying of the foundation for America was a powerful source of hope for success in America for my grandparents due to the fact that he was Italian, and the fact that they were dirt poor and treated like garbage simply for being Italian immigrants. This is true for just about every American family with ancestors who came from Italy in the 20th century.

After my grandparents got us into the middle class through hard work and brains, in addition to some policies like the GI Bill that favored descendants of Europeans, Columbus's image gave us extra validation that we were meant to succeed all along. The problem with this is that the image of him that we were brought up with is nothing like his true story. His true story behind the myth goes far beyond the fact that our fellow Native citizens today are still feeling the catastrophic effects of what he did, and what the U.S. government later continued, but that's a topic for another conversation.

The main point of this letter is that Italians deserve a holiday for our heritage, but we can think of something much better to center it around than Christopher Columbus. Our holiday needs to come after the second Monday in October, not before it, and we need to celebrate Indigenous People's Day on that day instead with the 65,000 Native Americans who live in Chicago, who work in every trade and profession under the sun, many who have fought in the U.S. military, and who come from many of the 574 federally recognized tribes across our country.

Good citizenship requires listening carefully to our fellow citizens. They deserve this 100 percent.

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Thank you very much!

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From: Monica Komperda

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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### Thank you for your time

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From: Keyla Ferraro

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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From: Kristin Oberdorf

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Thank you very much,

Kristin Oberdorf Zip code: 60618 From: <u>Laurel Chen</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)
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Laurel Chen

From: <u>Carrol Smith</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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It is easy to acknowledge that the U. S. Government unfairly seized the lands of the indigenous people of North America. By changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day we outwardly recognize what our government has done and make sure Indigenous People receive some recognition. This would be a commitment to racial equity that is sorely needed. The wrongs of the past cannot be undone, but this outward recognition may bring some measure of healing.

Please support the two resolutions. I will be monitoring the results of your support and will remember how you voted at election time.

Thank you for your attention to my email.

Carrol Smith

1016 S. Highland Ave.

Oak Park, IL

708-476-6754

Carrol A. Smith, PhD, RN, Retired

From: <u>Lavender Rodriguez</u>

To: <u>CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)</u>

Cc: Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners); Stanley Moore (Board of

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From: <u>Chelsea Butters Wooding</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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My sincerest appreciation for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing and hearing your support of these resolutions to honor and respect Native residents and people who are so deserving of this day.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Wooding

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Chelsea Wooding, Ph.D., CMPC Assistant Professor, Exercise Science School of Nursing and Health Sciences North Park University From: Ron Baiman

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Ron Baiman 205 S. Humphrey Ave. Oak Park, IL 60302 708 341 3205 From: <u>Lura Meisch</u>

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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All of Cook County and Cook County Forest Preserve lands were Native lands before colonizers arrived. The about 65,000 Native residents of Cook County today aren't asking that everyone leave, but they are asking for recognition, and deserve honoring, just as you did recently with Juneteenth!

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Thank you very much.

JeeYeun Lee 4711 N. Lawndale Ave. Apt 3E Chicago, IL 60625 773-805-4303 From: Beto Defreitas

To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); Dennis Deer (Board of Commissioners); Bill Lowry (Board of

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Mestre Beto de Freitas ICAF Chicago 773.406.9262 (c) www.capoeira-angola-chicago.org www.capo4kids.org From: Yakov Pekar

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Cc: <u>ipd4cps@gmail.com</u>

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