



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 10:00 AM

[21-1509](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF DORI WILSON

WHEREAS, Dori Wilson was born in Winona, Mississippi, she came to Chicago when she was 7, and went on to graduate from Hyde Park High School and attend Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, Dori Wilson lived on Chicago's Northshore and was a Cook County resident who selflessly made extraordinary contributions to improve the community; and

WHEREAS, Dori Wilson worked at various advertising firms while also maintaining a part-time modeling career, which would ultimately see her become the first Black runway model in the city, working for Marshall Field's and Carson Pirie Scott; and

WHEREAS, Dori Wilson continued her career in advertising, also working to help cast and produce various shows while still modeling and generating a coveted list of contacts. In 1981 she used those contacts to start her own firm, Dori Wilson Public Relations, solidifying her as a successful and barrier-breaking entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, Dori Wilson promoted the Art Institute of Chicago and the Chicago Academy for the Arts. She handled publicity for famed hairstylist Vidal Sassoon. Other clients included Scottie Pippen of the Chicago Bulls, the DuSable Museum of African American History, Marshall Field's and various government agencies. Her work was instrumental in establishing the Chicago International Film Festival. And in addition, she also worked with Oprah Winfrey on the Chicago premiere of the "Color Purple" as well as the David Schwimmer-directed production of Lookingglass Theater; and

WHEREAS, Dori Wilson's connections meant she always had good stories to tell. Dori also served on the boards of the Harris Theater, the Chicago Urban League and Brookfield Zoo; and

WHEREAS, Dori Wilson was an authentic trailblazer, pioneer and entrepreneur and a true advocate for her beloved City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dori Wilson passed away on February 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Dori Wilson is survived by her brother Williams Thomas Wilson, Sr. and her nephew Travis; 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 Dori Wilson and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

[21-2120](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA and LUIS ARROYO JR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF TAMI LOVE

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Tami Love from our midst on February 21, 2021 at the age of 57; and

WHEREAS, Tami Love was born on March 28, 1963 in Chicago, IL; and

WHEREAS, Tami Love will always be remembered as a Logan Square community organizer known for her work in the Parent Mentor Program; and

WHEREAS, Tami Love empowered neighborhood families and public housing residents in the Logan Square Area for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Tami Love joined the Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA) as a parent of three children at Funston Elementary School, where she participated in the first group of parent mentors in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Tami Love helped launched the first School Community Learning Center in Illinois at Funston; and

WHEREAS, Tami Love was hired by Community Organizing and Family Issues where she continued to build the field of parent organizing in schools; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Tami Love took a job at the LSNA to advocate for fair public housing on the North Side, where she fought alongside Lathrop Homes residents to preserve and protect public housing, winning unprecedented commitments from the Chicago Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, Tami Love fought for state funding to expand the Parent Mentor Program statewide, and then mentored and coached parent mentor organizers across the state to make sure the values and heart of the work was replicated with fidelity; and

WHEREAS, Tami Love was the loving mother of three: Brandie Love Johnson, Kevin Lawson Jr., and

Katrina Lawson; and grandmother of six: Brooklyn, James, Tarrant, Kevin Jr., Kyrian, and Shayne; and

WHEREAS, Tami Love and her legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come. She leaves not only a family that grieves her but a community that was impacted by her contribution and convictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Tami Love, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Tami Love so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

[21-2134](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SALUTES ELLA MARIE ADAMORE JEFFERSON BAGBY ORANGE AS A LIFELONG COOK COUNTY RESIDENT & A COOK COUNTY CAREER NURSE

WHEREAS, in 1938 Ella Marie began her lifelong residency here in Cook County and departed on February 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ella was born on June 9, 1938 and accepted Jesus The Christ as her Lord and Savior as a young child! She was baptized at Mount Carmel CME Church; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Ella met and married Warner Bernard Jefferson and from this union five children were born; and

WHEREAS, Ella's education began in the Englewood Community. After obtaining her GED, she witnessed many people needing medical care and therefore, turned her attention to the health field. Ella earned her LPN certification through the Chicago Public School system. Ella was among the first graduating students to receive her Nursing Degree from Kennedy King College. Ella earned her Bachelors of Science Degree in Health Arts & her Masters of Science Degree from St. Francis University; and

WHEREAS, Ella and Warner relocated their family to Argo, Illinois, where they joined and worshiped at Antioch Baptist Church. In 1970 she and her five children joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago. Ella joyfully served on the Nurses and Trustees Board. She was an active participant in the Progressive Baptist State Convention; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 Ella met and married James Bagby; and

WHEREAS, Ella had a significant work history in the medical field. Ella worked for many years at Rush St. Luke's Hospital. Her expansive career included Rush Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago Department of Public Health, Cook County Core Center and the Children's Habilitation Center in Harvey, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 while Ella was faithfully ministering to the health needs at Shiloah Baptist Church, Reverend William Orange Found her, they fell in Love and married. To this union four more children were added to their large and loving household. Together they ministered to thousands, fed thousands, clothed thousands and served thousands; and

WHEREAS, the President and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to honor the legacy of Ella Orange who was Truly a Good and Faithful Servant to the Residents of Cook County, Illinois until her departure on February 2, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a copy will be presented to Mr. Marcus D. Jefferson and family as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[21-2082](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF TERRENCE J. (TERRY) O'BRIEN

WHEREAS, Terrence J. (Terry) O'Brien, the former longtime president of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) who once ran for Cook County Board president, died February 28, 2021 after a lengthy illness. He was 64; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Loyola Academy and John Carroll University, Mr. O'Brien was born and raised in Rogers Park and lived in Edgebrook. For more than four decades he worked for various consulting firms, managing engineering projects to protect the environment, including at K-Plus Engineering, which provided stormwater management, civil and environmental engineering, and construction administration services; and

WHEREAS, a Chicago native, Mr. O'Brien dedicated a third of his life to working to improve the region's water environment, serving on the MWRD Board of Commissioners for 24 years, from 1988 to 2012, and as president from 1997 through the end of his tenure. He followed the footsteps of his father William O'Brien, a painter leadman, and grandfather John Hickey, an operating engineer, becoming the third-generation of O'Briens to work at the agency's Skokie sewage-treatment facility at

3500 W. Howard Street. In November 2012, his fellow commissioners and staff commemorated his service by renaming the North Side Water Reclamation Plant the Terrence J. O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant; and

WHEREAS, during his 24 years as commissioner, President O'Brien never missed a meeting. He was integral in improving the water quality in the Chicago River and area waterways; protecting the source of drinking water in Lake Michigan; advancing the MWRD's Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP); spearheading legislative efforts to recognize the MWRD as the regional stormwater authority for Cook County to address flooding; helping create the MWRD's Information Technology Department; instituting a pollution hotline to report illegal dumping; and demonstrating remarkable financial stewardship to prepare future stability at the MWRD for generations to come. During his tenure as board president the agency had a budget that exceeded \$1 billion and employed more than 2,100 workers. Further as President, O'Brien helped the MWRD maintain a AAA bond rating, marketed MWRD real estate to introduce new revenue streams, and abated more than \$262 million, returning it to Cook County property owners while still offering them an essential yet affordable wastewater treatment service; and

WHEREAS, President O'Brien's project management skills stemmed from a long career in environmental and civil engineering. This helped him bring extensive knowledge to the MWRD to enhance, streamline and deliver many essential projects at the least possible cost to taxpayers. Under his leadership, the MWRD secured more than \$800 million in funding to complete the first phase of TARP, constructing and putting into operation 109 miles of deep tunnels to collect storm water and polluted water and prevent it from backing up into basements, streets and waterways; and

WHEREAS, Kari K. Steele, the president of the MWRD Board of Commissioners, said in a written statement: "It was President O'Brien's leadership and principles that carved a path for all of us to protect public health and our water environment and (to) provide (the) excellent, innovative and reliable service that taxpayers across Cook County deserve. We are forever grateful for his 24 years of service and dedication to the people of Cook County and our environment. His family legacy will forever be instilled in the work of the MWRD;" and

WHEREAS, in 2016, he founded the O'Brien Network, LLC, which offered business development, governmental relations, consulting and strategic services; and

WHEREAS, he also was a longtime 16-inch softball player and was inducted into the Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame in 2006. He gave park districts leases of Water Reclamation District property for softball fields and arranged the transfer of Thillens Stadium, the iconic home to amateur softball and baseball at Devon Avenue along the North Shore Channel, to the Chicago Park District; and

WHEREAS, President O'Brien is survived by his wife Julie and three children Kevin, Therese and Patrick.

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

behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the life and contributions of the **TERRENCE J. (TERRY) O'BRIEN**, 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 the same be tendered to the family of the **TERRENCE J. (TERRY) O'BRIEN**.

[21-2087](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF KATE (CATHERINE ELLEN) MAHONEY

WHEREAS, Kate Mahoney, an Evanston resident and long-time advocate for mental health services and overcoming the stigma of mental health illness and treatment, died on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 after a long illness; and

WHEREAS, Kate was born in 1959 and is survived by her siblings Steve Mahoney (Sally Swiss), Laura Mahoney, and Brian Mahoney (Dr. Kathleen Mahoney), and was cherished by her nephews Brendan Mahoney (deceased), Dr. Reid Mahoney, and Mark, Dylan, Clark and Colin Mahoney. She earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology and Women's Studies from Northwestern University and completed her master's in Social Work at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; and

WHEREAS, Kate worked at PEER Services for over 30 years, including 25 years as executive director. She built PEER Services into a robust organization that provides high-quality substance use prevention and treatment services to Evanston and neighboring communities across Northern Cook County. PEER Services opened in 1975 and provides community-based prevention and treatment services to residents of Evanston, Northfield, New Trier, Maine, and Niles Township, in addition to the north side of Chicago. Her pioneering work in youth prevention and her tireless fight against stigma made contributions locally and nationally, setting the standard for important work that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, Maureen McDonnell, the current executive director of PEER Services wrote, "I met Kate when we were both advocating for more resources for community substance use disorder treatment through the Illinois Association for Behavioral Health. Her deep understanding of recovery and the ways that community services support recovery helped a generation of leaders learn, grow, and do better."; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Kate was selected as the new executive director of The Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute for Mental Health Education (NRCI) at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. NRCI works to overcome the stigma of mental illness by offering mental health education, trainings, and presentations to the greater Chicagoland community and by supporting organizations engaged in mental illness research, education, self-help, anti-discrimination and advocacy. On accepting the appointment,

Kate said, "I am inspired by the words of The Chicago School President Michele Nealon-Woods, when she stated 'there is no health without mental health.' This will be my mantra as I work to carry out the mission of NRCI,"; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany Masson, Psy.D., campus dean of the Chicago Campus of The Chicago School commented, "Kate Mahoney is the perfect choice for the role of executive director. She has spent her career being a vocal advocate for reducing the stigma that for too long has prevented individuals impacted by mental illness from accessing mental health services. She has been lauded for her numerous contributions to the fields of mental and behavioral health, and I'm excited to be working with her;" and

WHEREAS, Kate served on many boards throughout her life and career: Evanston Mayor's Mental Health Committee, 2020 to present; American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence, Board Member 2008 to 2017; Illinois Association for Medication Assisted Addiction Treatment, President 2008 to 2017; Illinois Association for Behavioral Health, President 2004 to 2006, Vice President 2000 to 2004, Board Member 1990 to 2017; Mental Health America, North Shore, Board Member 2012 to Present; Serenity Academy Chicago, Board Member 2012 to Present; CEDA/Neighbors at Work, Board Member 1990 to 1992;

BEHIV (Better Existence with HIV), Founding Board Member 1989 to 1991; and Fairygodmother Foundation, Founding Board Member 1998 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, Kate is the recipient of numerous awards and honors: Judy Miller Memorial Award in 1999 from the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association for excellence in service delivery and advocacy in the field of medication assisted treatment for opioid dependence; Black History Month Salute to Evanston's Women in Human Services in 1999 by the City of Evanston for Leadership in Human Services; Executive Director of the Year Nominee in 2001 from the United Way of Suburban Chicago; George Schwab Distinguished Service Award in 2006 from The Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association for leadership and expertise in the development of public policy to advance the substance abuse treatment field in Illinois; Community Service Award in 2010 from Mental Health America of the North Shore for leadership in mental health service and advocacy; Dole/Nyswander Award in 2013 from The American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence for outstanding treatment and advocacy on behalf of individuals and families impacted by heroin or other opioid dependence; and the George Goodman & Ruth P. Brudney Social Work Award in 2017 from Mental Health America-National for excellence in service delivery and advocacy in the field of medication assisted treatment for opioid dependence; and

WHEREAS, in nominating Kate for the 2021 "Unsung Heroine" Award, Josefina Alvarez wrote, "Kate dedicates an amazing number of hours to volunteering and makes constructive contributions to numerous organizations and groups. She brings great energy, wisdom and interest in community service to several community organizations, currently serving on two boards and the City of Evanston Task Force on mental health, founded in response to COVID-19. She is an essential member of the board of Mental Health America of the North Shore, developing, leading and promoting programs, connecting us to others in the community and developing our board. Many people in the 13th District know and respect Kate for her dedication to community service;" and

WHEREAS, Kate's impact on society's changing attitudes toward mental health cannot be overstated. She will be missed by friends and colleagues alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the life and contributions of **KATE MAHONEY**, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she 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 the family of **KATE MAHONEY**.