



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 10:00 AM

Second Set

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND COOK COUNTY'S 2021 UNSUNG HEROINES

WHEREAS, March is celebrated and honored as nationally as Women's History Month, and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month first came to be as a national celebration in 1987, although the first celebrations, beginning in 1981 lasted only a week; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to petitions from the National Women's History Project, which led to the President of the United States in 1987 proclaiming March of every year, Women's History Month to honor the achievements of women; and

WHEREAS, Women have led movements for social and economic justice, made groundbreaking scientific discoveries, and enriched our societies with works of art and literature. Today, women are continuing this legacy of leadership as entrepreneurs, doctors, teachers, scientists, lawyers, artists, and public officials. They are also providing guidance and care to their loved ones and strengthening families and communities.

WHEREAS, Cook County honors the many women who have shaped our history, and celebrates those who make progress in our time. Let us remember that when all residents of Cook County benefit when everyone is treated equitably; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues annually celebrates the Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Award recognizing 18 women whose contributions to their communities, families and professional endeavors have been so vital, but seldom recognized.

WHEREAS, the 2021 Unsung Heroines of Cook County are Debra Vines, District 1; Sheila McNary, District 2; Barbara Ellzey, District 3; Linda Blair, District 4; Vanessa Brown, District 5; Jacquelyne Underwood, District 6; Nury Ortega, District 7; Diana Mereles, District 8; Mary Lio, District 9; Killian Walsh, District 10; Sarah Dynia, District 11; Marci Sieracki, District 12; Jane Balaban, District 13; Amy Oberholtzer, District 14; Mary Jo Imperato, District 15; Elva Serna, District 16; Josephine Coleman, District 17; and Sameka Ducette Gates, At Large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Cook County Board of

Commissioners proudly honor the achievements of Women throughout Cook County and celebrate March as Women's History Month.

[21-2159](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**HONORING FATHER CHARLES DAHM OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH MISSION**

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm grew up in suburban Elmhurst as a devout Catholic who was often the one to encourage his family to go to mass during the week; and

WHEREAS, even as a child Father Charles Dahm was known as an organizer among his friends; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm was a 1955 graduate of Fenwick High School, a Dominican College Preparatory School in Oak Park, Illinois and was ordained as a Dominican Priest in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm spent his early years as a Dominican Priest working with university students in Cochabamba and La Paz; and

WHEREAS, to better analyze and understand systems of oppression and power, Father Charles Dahm enrolled in a political science program at the University of Wisconsin Madison and began work towards his doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm arrived in Chicago as a young priest in the summer of 1973; and

WHEREAS, that same year Father Charles Dahm was elected to be the promoter of justice and peace for his Dominican province, which led to founding of the 8th Day Center for Justice; and

WHEREAS, the 8th Day Center for Justice was named after St. Augustine's belief that humanity is in the "everlasting eighth day" of creation and is still active to this day as a critical voice to oppressive systems; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm has long believed issues of social justice should not be on the sidelines, but instead should be at the center of church life; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm became a regional point person for the national sanctuary movement, helping thousands of Central American refugees flee violence in Guatemala and El Salvador; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm co-founded the Chicago Religious Task Force on Central America, which went on to organize 423 sanctuary hubs across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm moved to Pilsen and became pastor at St. Pius V in 1986, where he formed a social justice committee for parishioners to gather, pray, reflect and plan ways to transform their community; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm helped launch the Catholic Community of Pilsen, a grassroots community organizing and development organization that later became The Resurrection Project, which provided affordable housing to more than 840 families and connected immigrants, homeowners, new entrepreneurs and others with services and channels for political engagement; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm has spread his message of community engagement through the creation of other organizations including the Chicago Workers' Collaborative, San Jose Obrero Mission, and Parenting 4 Non-Violence; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm is the first-ever Archdiocesan Director of Domestic Violence Outreach of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese of Chicago has the most developed domestic violence outreach program in the United States, and is known as a model for their own local churches; and

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach mission is expressed in three words: awareness, services, prevention; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm has worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the pervasiveness of domestic violence and to

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm is ceaseless in his commitment to connect domestic violence survivors with support, including the development of a counseling program for victims, children, and abusers; and

WHEREAS, in this role Father Charles Dahm has developed ministries for victims of domestic violence in 141 parishes throughout the Archdiocese; and

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach program has preached at over 150 parishes to date; and

WHEREAS, Father Charles Dahm received the Pope Saint John the XXIII Award in recognition of priestly dedication to Hispanic ministry from Cardinal Blasé Cupich in September 2015; and

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

hereby honor Father Charles Dahm in recognition of his extensive work in the communities he has lived and preached, for his unwavering support of victims of domestic abuse, and determination to prevent domestic violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to Father Charles Dahm as a means of communicating our deepest thanks and well wishes.

[21-2191](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF KIMBERLY (KIM) ANN STRONGS

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His true and infinite wisdom, has called Kimberly (Kim) Strongs from our midst; and;

WHEREAS, **Kim** was born on April 1, 1973 in Chicago, IL to Carl Spencer Sr, and Annie B. Roman who proceeded her in death; and

WHEREAS, at an early age, **Kim** accepted the Lord as her personal savior and was a faithful active member of St. Agatha Catholic Church under the leadership of Father Dowling; and

WHEREAS, **Kim** was a graduated of George W. Collins High School where she excelled and received numerous recognitions including being featured in Who's Who Among American High Schools students, in 1989-1990. Member of the Honors Society as well as Principal Scholars. In addition, Kim later attended Southern Illinois University (SIU) in Carbondale, Illinois where she earned her bachelor's degree in advanced Technical Studies and an Associate Degree in Applied Science-Computer Information System in August of 1996; and

WHEREAS, while attending George W. Collins, **Kim** met the love of her life and future husband Derrick Strongs Sr; and

WHEREAS, **Kim** and Derrick were married on September 12, 1998 and to this union two beautiful children were born Derrick Strongs Jr; and Kennedy Ann Strongs whom she loved immensely and very proud of; and

WHEREAS, **Kim** joined the sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on March 19, 2000, Lambda Mu Omega Chapter, where she was an active, hardworking, dedicated, supportive member. She served on several committees including NPHC, Step Team, Regional Conference, Joint Founders Day, and Dawson Senior Citizens ; and

WHEREAS, she was a sought -after Information Technology Administrator. She was employed by CHA

Housing, Imprint Systems, Department of Aviation, SAFE, Minsky McCormick and Hallagan PC and Fright Car America; and

WHEREAS, the community has lost a wife, mother, daughter, sister, cousin, friend and Soror in **Kimberly (Kim) Ann Storngs**. Her presence may be gone but she shall live on in her hearts and she will be immensely missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Commissioner Dennis Deer, along with the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do extend their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones for the life of **Mrs. Kimberly (Kim) Ann Strong; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of **Mrs. Kimberly (Kim) Strong** so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[21-2157](#)

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

A RESOLUTION HONORING R³ (Reunite | Reconcile | Reimagine)

WHEREAS, R³ stands for Reunite, Reconcile & Reimagine and is a movement committed to reuniting people. It endeavors to be a platform for all voices to be heard so we can reconcile our differences and reimagine more equitable, compassionate, and safe communities for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the R³ Pledge is a commitment to being open to all voices being heard, creating space for that to happen, and doing something different based on what you hear and learn; and

WHEREAS, the R³ Participation component is a series of town hall meetings, diversity dinners, and other listening opportunities to allow people to hear different perspectives as a foundation to engage in reconciling current challenges, past issues, and systematic practices that negatively impact different groups; and

WHEREAS, the R³ Postcards for Peace component is similar to postcard writing to Get Out the Vote or the ongoing postcard writing efforts designed to thank our veterans for their service, with the intent to engage in hand-written postcards to build a momentum of peace through the written word throughout our communities; and

WHEREAS, R³ asks everyone to **Take the Challenge!** by visiting their group page on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/operationr3>) and click **Join** to be a part of the conversation, take the pledge and amplify our collective voices by sharing to our network; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to support the R³ movement to Reunite, Reconcile & Reimagine;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor R³; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Erika Walker (Walker-Thomas) CEO of the Walker Thomas Group and founder of the R³ movement as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

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Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIVES OF COOK COUNTY 13TH DISTRICT RESIDENTS WHO DIED FROM COVID-19 BETWEEN DECEMBER 8, 2020 and MARCH 8, 2021, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a deadly infectious disease that has swept across our County, state, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, anyone can contract COVID-19, regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, as of March 8, 2021, COVID-19 had killed more than 2.6 million worldwide, 500,000 in the United States, 23,000 in Illinois and 10,000 in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, between December 8, 2020, and March 8, 2021, 261 residents who lived in the 13th District of Cook County died from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 8, 2021 COVID-19 had killed 937 residents who lived in the 13th District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, each of the departed leave family, friends and communities in mourning; and

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called the below 13th District residents from our

midst:

Chicago

Adetona E. Adeniseun, Andre T. Khoury, Andres Valle, Antonio Lizama, Armando Renteria, Avdic Asim, Baltazar Renteria, Bao Chai Hu Ma, Barbara W. Isaacson, Basunehari Rai, Carole Watkins, Chester Przybylo, Darrell Dillard, David Hymes, Derrick Farr, Dioselina Amarillo, Dorothy Gnat, Edward Friedman, Ezra Peter, Farhat Rahman, Fred Law, Gamabel Aguilar, Glenn Block, Gwendolyn Horton, Isaias Hernandez, James Saracco, Javier Rodriguez, Jeffery T. Rudy, Jerry S. Silverman, Jose E. Amaya, Joseph Locelso, Leah Weller, Lee E. Caridine, Lottie Dennis, Luis Falla, Maria Medina, Marion Youngs, Maxine Wade, Niles K. Limbachia, Pamyre Emerson, Ramon Grenee, Raul Castillo, Raul Castillo, Richard O'Connor, Salvador A. Carrera, Syed Razvi, Toby Ann Moneyham, Uoi Thach, Varinder Singh, William Garnett, Youkhana Belbel and Youssef Benjamin Ichaya.

Evanston

Arnold Rush, Bonnie K. Wefler, Charles Mudd, Donald Woods, Elaine Gaines, Elvia Mendoza, Henry Pearson, James Mcculloch, John Ryan, Lee Stiles, Lillian Daniels, Louise S. Strong, Marius Negrin, Michelle Swift, Paul Basa, Reyna Mercado and Zvi P. Cosma.

Glenview

Aaron Kawer, Amy J. Curtis, Ann Roberts, Annette Broglia, Arthur Karas, Barbara Schwartz, Barbara Walsh, Betty Phillips, Beverly Schultz, Carrie Larue, Donald Martin, Donald Tremper, Emily Barajas, Eugene Shur, Farhath Khan, Ganime Hyske, Gonzalo Arellano, Helen Saiki, James McCormick, Joann Foy, Jose Hernandez, Judith Schuman, Julia Pavkovic, Leonardo Mariani, Lois Wycoff, Marcella Chavez, Mareena Odeesho, Margaret L. Neumar, Mary Sabo, Nonnie Rudolph, Patricia Heuck, Ronald Chester, Rosalie L. Oskerka, Val Omelchenko and Zakhar Melamed.

Lincolnwood

Arnold Horwitz, Aviva Rubin, Berj Gueyikian, Corinne Moch, Doris Gilbert, Gilyana Gilyanaz, Harvey Rubin, Herbert Loy. Charles, Jack Rosenberg, John J. Gran, Josephine Pompey, Judith Stone, Larry G. Seidell, Lois Stein, Michael Harris, Milagros Fernandez, Paul Grant, Raymond Reizner, Ruben Saldana, Samuel Weiss, Shirley A. Levens, Shirley Aprison, Shirley Brosten, Sophia Michna and Vivienne Isaac.

Morton Grove

Adelina Tabamo, Clara Watson, James Griffin, James Haddon, Jayne M. Blameuser, Jong Choi, Richard Didomenico, Rosemary Schnell, Stavros Adamidis, Stella Braslavsky, Thomas Pucci, Viva Black and Winston Bactat.

Niles

Aida Soto, Anna Schmid, Augustin Abraham, Barbara A. Ciesla, Blythe Hayes, Carol Mason, Dae Kim, Dimitrios Hatzigiannis, Dominic Gramarosso, Dorothy Scott, Drina Marinac, Eleni Giannakopoulou, Eugene Kloeck, Francisco Rueda, Georjina Sanchez, Geraldine Axium, Geraldine Heinzl, Gorgees Gorgees, Gualberto Lopez, Helen Spiewak, Herbert Meyr, Jan Malkowski, Janina Szczerba, Jeanne Dumerer, Jimmie Outlaw Jr, John Borek, Jong Lee, Joseph Parrilli, Juk Moon, Katerina Nayda, Ki Sok Chang, Ko Moon, Leonard Meyers, Lorraine Kurek, Lynne Andre, Maria R. Guerra, Mary D. Vogler, Maxine Baker, Mercedes E. Andaya, Metaxia Koulouris, Michael Kaminsky, Mooi Moey, Peter Edelman, Phillip C. Kiley, Jr., Ralph Ponfil, Reginald Mobley, Ruth Brown, Siu Don, Steven Vrettos, Sunkum Stevens, Thomas Masalihit, Yon An, Yong Bang, Young Lee, Youssef Banno, Yung Kim, Yury Fridman and Zygmunt Szajna.

Northfield

Abraham A. Avelar Vicario

Skokie

Aaron Durham, Alfred Lekht, Andrew Bartell, Arthur L. Jung, Arturo Sosa, Arturo Vazquez Carrillo, Basya Shvarts, Bhim Chanana, Carole R. Kern, Daryawish Biniamin, Emmanoul Dinkha, Fernando Framil, Gloria Lopez, Hermine Ishii, Hsiao Liang Chow, Hussain Khatoon, Jacqueline Marks, Jaime M. Tipan, James Boyle, James Nangle, Jasubhai Patel, Jean Lindor, Jules Dedecker, Karen Dicker, Kiyorkis Mrad, Mai Vo, Mario Cadaoas, Mike Henderson, Muriel Kasanov, Nicholas Dunkas, Norma Wallis, Oliver McDore, Plutarco Roman, Raheemunnisa Ahmed, Roman Bernshtam, Samuil Fleytlikh, Seth Arkin, Suria Khanam, Susan Melnick, Syed Majid, Tooba Ahdoot, Valiente Adaza, Vinod Soni and William Scherbarth.

Wilmette

Harold Johnson, Ilya Medisitsky, Joan Babbitt, Mildred Yamada, Nancy Treadwell, Paul Uhlenhop, Robert Yale, Victor Bowhlman, William Rhodes and Yuru Liu.

Winnetka

Robert M. Johnson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, commemorates the lives of the **COOK COUNTY 13TH DISTRICT RESIDENTS WHO DIED FROM COVID-19 BETWEEN DECEMBER 8, 2020 and MARCH 8, 2021** and herewith expresses its sincere condolences to their friends, families and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.