



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Details (With Text)

---

<b>File #:</b>	18-6978	<b>Version:</b>	1	<b>Name:</b>	HONORING COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR JOSEPH BERRIOS
<b>Type:</b>	Consent Calendar Resolution	<b>Status:</b>			Approved
<b>File created:</b>	11/8/2018	<b>In control:</b>			President
<b>On agenda:</b>	11/13/2018	<b>Final action:</b>			11/13/2018
<b>Title:</b>	PROPOSED RESOLUTION				

HONORING COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR JOSEPH BERRIOS

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios is concluding his tenure as Cook County Assessor to the residents of Cook County on November 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios was born in Chicago on Valentine's Day, 1952 and is one of seven children; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios, at the age of six, moved with his family to a public housing high-rise in Cabrini-Green; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios is an alumni of Lane Tech High School and holds a Bachelor's Degree in accounting from the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios lives on Chicago's northwest side and is the father of three children and has three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios' life of public service began in 1982 when he was the first Hispanic-American elected to serve in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios served taxpayers at the Cook County Board of Review for 30 years and was elected Commissioner in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios was elected Cook County Assessor in 2010 and re-elected in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios shortened the assessment cycle to ensure the timely mailing of tax bills for the first time in 34 years, saving school districts and municipalities tens of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios' Erroneous Exemption Unit has collected \$37 million and billed \$59 million billed to date, after legislation he crafted made this possible - with money being returned to local taxing bodies; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios initiated legislation that became law expanding exemption savings for veterans, homeowners and seniors in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios increased assessment workshops county wide, working with elected officials, organizations and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS Joseph Berrios worked to improve residential assessment modeling, developing and utilizing an improved model for the 2018 City of Chicago reassessment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend our sincere and grateful appreciation to Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios for his service and our best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good

health in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios.

**Sponsors:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:**

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
11/13/2018	1	Board of Commissioners	approve	Pass

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR JOSEPH BERRIOS**

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Berrios is concluding his tenure as Cook County Assessor to the residents of Cook County on November 30, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Berrios was born in Chicago on Valentine’s Day, 1952 and is one of seven children; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Berrios, at the age of six, moved with his family to a public housing high-rise in Cabrini-Green; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Berrios is an alumni of Lane Tech High School and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in accounting from the University of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Berrios lives on Chicago’s northwest side and is the father of three children and has three grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Berrios’ life of public service began in 1982 when he was the first Hispanic-American elected to serve in the Illinois General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Berrios served taxpayers at the Cook County Board of Review for 30 years and was elected Commissioner in 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Berrios was elected Cook County Assessor in 2010 and re-elected in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Berrios shortened the assessment cycle to ensure the timely mailing of tax bills for the first time in 34 years, saving school districts and municipalities tens of millions of dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Berrios’ Erroneous Exemption Unit has collected \$37 million and billed \$59 million billed to date, after legislation he crafted made this possible - with money being returned to local taxing bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Berrios initiated legislation that became law expanding exemption savings for veterans, homeowners and seniors in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Berrios increased assessment workshops county wide, working with elected officials, organizations and taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS** Joseph Berrios worked to improve residential assessment modeling, developing and utilizing an improved model for the 2018 City of Chicago reassessment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend our sincere and grateful appreciation to Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios for his service and our best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios.