



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. RAMI NASHASHIBI FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Dr. Rami Nashashibi is a MacArthur Fellow, a Doctor of Sociology from the University of Chicago, and the founder and Executive Director of the Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN), a non-profit organization incorporated in 1997 that fosters health, wellness and healing on Chicago's South Side & Atlanta's west end by organizing for social change, cultivating the arts and operating a holistic health center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rami Nashashibi is a community leader building bridges across racial, religious, and socioeconomic divides to confront the challenges of poverty and disinvestment in urban communities, Rami has successfully unified a diverse set of constituencies around a shared focus of social justice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rami Nashashibi serves on the board of directors of the Margaret Casey Foundation and in 2020, Rami made his debut as musician, song-writer and executive producer of "THIS LOVE THING", a soul-stirring LP. The album's first single "Mama Please" was dedicated to raising the profile of and advocating for Cariol's Law, legislation which passed in late 2020 to help transform police accountability in Buffalo, New York. He has worked with several leading scholars in the area of globalization, African American studies and urban sociology and has contributed chapters to edited volumes by Manning Marable and Saskia Sassen; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rami Nashashibi has lectured around the world on a range of topics related to American Muslim identity, community organizing and social justice issues and has received many prestigious community service and organizing honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rami Nashashibi has been featured in several prominent media publications including the New York Times, the Washington Post, The Atlantic, the Chicago Tribune, and multiple stories on PBS, CBS, and National Public Radio. Rami have also taught at the Chicago Theological Seminary, where he was a visiting professor of the Sociology of Religion and Muslim Studies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Dennis Deer, Cook County Commissioner 2nd District on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the over five million residents of Cook County, on this day of May 13th, 2021 do hereby recognize Dr. Rami Nashashibi for his Outstanding Leadership in Community Development and so wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered too, Dr. Rami Nashashibi and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.