



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 16-4387, **Version:** 1

---

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF BERNARDA “BERNIE” WONG AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE CHINESE AMERICAN SERVICE LEAGUE**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Bernarda “Bernie” Wong is retiring as the President & CEO of the Chinese American Service League; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was born and raised in Hong Kong and came to the United States in 1962 to get her degree in social work from Blair Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong completed her master’s degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong worked as a social worker in Chicago’s Chinatown community; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong and a small group of dedicated Chinese American friends came together to bridge the gap in services for Chinese Americans in Chicago and formed the Chinese American Service League in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong became President and CEO of the Chinese American Service League; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Bernarda “Bernie” Wong, the Chinese American Service League has become the largest, most comprehensive, social service agency in the Midwest dedicated to serving the needs of Chinese Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was instrumental in growing the Chinese American Service League into an organization with 500 multilingual and multicultural staffers that offers vital physical, economic, mental and social support services; and

**WHEREAS**, the hard work and dedication of Bernarda “Bernie” Wong has helped numerous Chinese American Service League clients become thriving members of the greater Chicago Community and productive members of society; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Bernarda “Bernie” Wong on the occasion of her retirement, and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Bernarda “Bernie” Wong to commemorate this joyous occasion.

**This item was deferred at the 8/3/2016 Board Meeting.**