



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN RECOGNITION OF G. A. FINCH

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2013, G. A. Finch will complete his service as Chief of Staff to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Finch has occasionally left the private sector to answer the call to government service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finch brought a world of significant experience to the Chief of Staff position - A partner at Hoogendoorn & Talbot LLP, as a member of the business, employment, real estate and litigation practice groups; City of Chicago Deputy Planning Commissioner in Mayor Harold Washington's administration; the General Counsel for the Chicago Housing Authority and, at Querrey & Harrow, was the first African American to be named a Managing Shareholder of a large law firm in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finch's combination of experience in the public and private sectors have made him a valuable asset to the President's administrative team where he engaged fully in the efforts of the President and the Board of Commissioners to continue the transformation of County government as well as its perception amongst its residents; and

WHEREAS, in his time with the County, Mr. Finch worked closely with the President and her team to craft balanced budgets for both the County and the Forest Preserve District without tax or fee increases; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finch continued the weekly performance management sessions with County department heads and elected officials, seeking to measure the success of County agencies in the delivery of services, to improve those services and to make those services more responsive; and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Finch accepted the position of Chief of Staff to President Preckwinkle, he believed that he could make a difference while learning new skills to take back to the private sector, saying, "You don't go in there with the idea that this is going to be a lifetime tenured job...You're able to apply skill sets for the benefit of government, and the personal benefit is that you grow, develop and evolve"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finch is leaving Cook County Government to rejoin Hoogendoorn and Talbot, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Cook County benefitted greatly - and will continue to benefit in legacy - from Mr. Finch's time with the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby extend their thanks to G.A. Finch for the contributions and leadership he contributed as Chief of Staff for the President of the Cook County Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County congratulate G.A. Finch on his return to the private sector and all his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to G. A. Finch as a small token of

appreciation for his service to Cook County.