



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER DEBORAH SIMS 20 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, the calendar year 2014 marks the completion of 20 years of services to the Citizens of Cook County as a member of the County Board for Commissioner Deborah Sims; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to people and the community was evident early in her career when she held a position with the City of Chicago Department of Human Services as a Youth Intervention Worker and a Youth Service Coordinator; these positions involved working with Chicago Public Schools, Youth Services Agencies and teenagers on the south side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Sims also worked collaboratively with three Judges in the Circuit Court of Cook County and served as a Rape Victims Advocate; and

WHEREAS, In April 1994, Deborah Sims was asked to run for Cook County Commissioner by the late Alderman/Committeeman Lemuel Austin Jr., and former Commissioner of the Board of Review Wilson Frost.

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1994 Deborah Sims was the first female elected to the cook county board, with a strong show of support from the voters of the Fifth District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, after her four-year term concluded, Commissioner Deborah Sims was re-elected in 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and again in 2014 showing remarkable strong support among the voter of the 5th District of Cook County on Chicago's South Side and south suburbs, serving Wards 9 and 34 in the City of Chicago, serving Blue Island, Calumet Park, Chicago Heights, Country Club Hills, Dixmoor, Dolton, Ford Heights, Glenwood, Harvey, Hazel Crest, Markham, Midlothian Oak Forest, Olympia Fields, Riverdale, Robbins, Phoenix, Posen in the south suburbs at times including the 19 Ward, Homewood, Matteson, Richton Park; and

WHEREAS, her dynamic leadership qualities have allowed her to be the first woman to chair the Cook County Construction Committee, and the Transportation of Highway Committee. She currently serves as Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee, Chairperson of the Tax Delinquency Sub-Committee, Vice Chairperson of the Capital Development under the Forest Preserve District, Past President of the National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO) Past Treasurer of the National Association of Black County Officials Labor Steering Committee (NABCO) and serves on the NeighborSpace Board; and

WHEREAS, throughout her 20 years of service on the Cook County Board, Commissioner Deborah Sims mission is to ensure that all residents have a clear understanding of how their tax dollars are spent and how County government works. Her motto is "Bringing County Government to the People".

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its heartfelt congratulations to Commissioner Deborah Sims for 20 years of services a County Commissioner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Commissioner Deborah Sims in recognition of her remarkable accomplishment as a Commissioner on the Cook County Board.

