



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**County Board Room, County Building  
118 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL**

**Consent Agenda**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 10:00 AM**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

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**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING COMMISSIONER LUIS ARROYO, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Arroyo will vacate his seat on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners in the near future after eight years of service to the residents of Cook County and visitors to the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County “to acquire, restore and manage lands for the purpose of protecting and preserving public open space with its natural wonders, significant prairies, forests, wetlands, rivers, streams, and other landscapes with all of its associated wildlife, in a natural state for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public now and in the future”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County has an over one-hundred-year history, currently spanning almost seventy thousand acres, experiencing over one hundred million visits annually, and contributing immeasurably to the quality of life of the residents of Cook County, scientific research and conservation -- including public-private partnerships with the Brookfield Zoo and Chicago Botanic Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Arroyo has been a leader for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County as chairperson of several impactful committees. As Chairperson of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners’ Committee on Finance, he required sound, transparent, equitable and sustainable fiscal principles be followed during normal times and especially during the fiscal challenging years of the coronavirus pandemic. As Chairperson of the Committee on Capital Development, he supported equitable and accountable expansion of the amenities offered as well as responsible maintenance of existing structures throughout the Forest Preserves. As Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, he ensured that maintenance of amenities and services for the resident and visitors are offered by well-trained and appropriately compensated workers, while at the same time maintaining the right size of workforce within a sustainable budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Arroyo's numerous memberships on other committees further displays his commitment to the Forest Preserves including Committees on Contract Compliance, Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations, Real Estate, and Zoological; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Arroyo was also instrumental in events leading up to and in the creation of the Forest Preserves' award-winning Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and Members of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their sincere and grateful appreciation to Commissioner Luis Arroyo, Jr. for his exemplary career in public service and on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, and their best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; and

**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 Commissioner Luis Arroyo, Jr.

[22-0501](#)

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#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING COMMISSIONER LARRY SUFFREDIN**

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Larry Suffredin will vacate his seat on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners in the near future after twenty years of service to the residents of Cook County and visitors to the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County "to acquire, restore and manage lands for the purpose of protecting and preserving public open space with its natural wonders, significant prairies, forests, wetlands, rivers, streams, and other landscapes with all of its associated wildlife, in a natural state for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public now and in the future"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County has an over one-hundred-year history, currently spanning almost seventy thousand acres, experiencing over one hundred million visits annually, and contributing immeasurably to the quality of life of residents of Cook County, scientific research and conservation -- including public-private partnerships with the Brookfield Zoo and Chicago Botanic Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Suffredin's leadership and contributions to the Forest Preserves are

immeasurable and have positively impacted present and future generations of Cook County residents. As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Administration, he has sponsored or ushered through countless changes to the Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances that positively impact operations or visitor experiences including, but not limited to, requiring children to wear bike helmets, expanding ecological restoration, expanding the role of trained volunteers, encouraging the expansion of the Master Stewart Program, creating the Conservation and Policy Council charged with oversight of the Next Century Conservation Plan, creating an independent Inspector General, and bipartisan Ethics Reform;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Suffredin has also served as Chairperson of the Committee on Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations, and Chairperson of the Committee on the Botanic Garden. Leading these committees and in addition being a member of the Committees on Finance, Litigation, and Real Estate, he was always the voice of reason, always understood his and his colleagues' responsibilities as Forest Preserves Commissioners - particularly when interests may have diverged from those of County or other units of government - and he always found a path to reasonable consensus through a deep understanding of the issues, considerations of related histories, through insight of law and governmental relations, and deliberate - and often onerous - communication with numerous stakeholders.

**WHEREAS**, future generations of Cook County residents are in his debt as the lead sponsor and advocate for Resolution 21-0532 placing the November 2022 Forest Preserve Referendum on the ballot for all Cook County voters; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a lifelong resident of Chicagoland, received a Bachelor's degree from Loyola University and a Law Degree from Georgetown University, and is a highly successful attorney including arguing cases before the United States Supreme Court and Illinois Supreme Court. He served as a Captain in the United States Air Force Reserve. He and his wife, Gloria Callaci, live in Evanston and have two grown children, Tom and Elizabeth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and Members of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their sincere and grateful appreciation to Commissioner Larry Suffredin for his exemplary career in public service and on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, and their best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; and

**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 Commissioner Larry Suffredin.

[22-0502](#)

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING COMMISSIONER DEBORAH SIMS**

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Deborah Sims will vacate her seat on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners in the near future after 28 years of service to the residents of Cook County and visitors to the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County "to acquire, restore and manage lands for the purpose of protecting and preserving public open space with its natural wonders, significant prairies, forests, wetlands, rivers, streams, and other landscapes with all of its associated wildlife, in a natural state for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public now and in the future"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County has an over one hundred-year history, currently spanning almost seventy thousand acres, experiencing over one hundred million visits annually, and contributing immeasurably to the quality of life of residents of Cook County, scientific research and conservation -- including public-private partnerships with the Brookfield Zoo and Chicago Botanic Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Sims has served as the President Pro Tempore of the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Capital Development and has served as a member of the Committees on the Botanic Garden, Contract Compliance, Finance, Labor, Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations, Real Estate, and Rules and Administration where her leadership and insights have aided the Forest Preserves in advancement of its mission and improved the quality of life of Cook County residents and Forest Preserves visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Sims, a dedicated public servant, made her mark on the Forest Preserves for generations to come in many ways including making the motion to add all Commissioners as sponsors -- to Resolution 21-0532, the resolution placing the November 2022 referendum to benefit the Forest Preserves on the ballot for Cook County voters; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Sims attended Chicago Public Schools as well as Chicago City Colleges. She has more than 28 years of professional experience and specializes in economic and community

development. She has held positions with the City of Chicago Department of Human Services as a Youth Intervention Worker and Youth Service Coordinator. These positions involved working with Chicago Public Schools, Youth Service Agencies and teenagers on the South Side of Chicago.

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Sims has received an Honorary Associate of Arts degree from South Suburban College and has served as past President of the National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO). She also served on the City of Chicago NeighborSpace board and is a member of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and Members of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their sincere and grateful appreciation to Commissioner Deborah Sims for her exemplary career in public service and wish her their best for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; and

**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 Commissioner Deborah Sims.

[22-0507](#)

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#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING COMMISSIONER PETER N. SILVESTRI**

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Peter N. Silvestri will vacate his seat on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners in the near future after twenty-four years of service to the residents of Cook County and visitors to the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County “to acquire, restore and manage lands for the purpose of protecting and preserving public open space with its natural wonders, significant prairies, forests, wetlands, rivers, streams, and other landscapes with all of its associated wildlife, in a natural state for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public now and in the future”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves District of Cook County has an over one-hundred-year history, currently spanning almost seventy thousand acres, experiencing over one hundred million visits annually, and contributing immeasurably to the quality of life of residents of Cook County, scientific research and conservation -- including public-private partnerships with the Brookfield Zoo and Chicago Botanic Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Silvestri's leadership and contributions to the Forest Preserves have positively impacted present and future generation of Cook County residents. As Chairperson of the Board of Commissioner's Subcommittee on Litigation, he provided sound oversight of the Forest Preserves policies and finances in that area including instructing judicious assessment and monitoring of risks to the Forest Preserves and visitors. As Vice-Chairperson of the Law Enforcement Committee, his oversight improved the safety and quality of life of the members of the Forest Preserves Police Department and all visitors to the Forest Preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Silvestri was also a member of the Committees on Capital Development, Environment and Sustainability, Finance, Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations, Real Estate, Rules and Administration, and Zoological where his keen insights, collegiality, and diplomacy brought opposing sides together leading to better outcomes for the residents of Cook County and Forest Preserves visitors - he also masterfully and respectfully could use humor in the Boardroom; and

**WHEREAS**, future generations of Cook County residents are in his debt as a sponsor and advocate for Resolution 21-0532 placing the November 2022 Forest Preserve Referendum on the ballot for all Cook County voters; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Silvestri is the former President of the Village of Elmwood Park, serving from May 1, 1989 thru May 6, 2013, and is a graduate of De Paul University and its Law School.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and Members of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their sincere and grateful appreciation to Commissioner Peter N. Silvestri for his exemplary career in public service and on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, and their best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; and

**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 Commissioner Peter N. Silvestri.