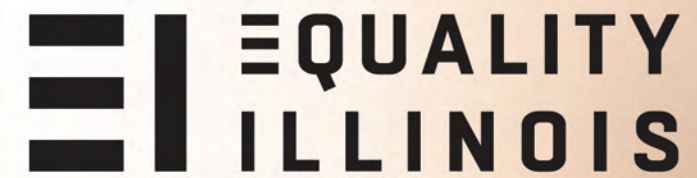


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Dear Champions of Equality,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of the Equality Illinois Institute, we welcome you to the 2017 Gala!

In many respects, this has been a tough year for the LGBTQ community. In June, we saw LGBTQ Latino people targeted in our nation's largest mass shooting in history. In November, we saw the public face of one of the nation's most draconian attempts to curtail LGBTQ equality elected to the Vice Presidency. The agenda and focus of the new administrations is, at best, unclear, though the fact that we will need to defend our hard-won victories of the last 25 years is almost certainly not in doubt. In short, it is easy to understand why two-thirds of our stakeholders tell us they are less optimistic about LGBTQ equality today than they were a year ago.

It is reasons like these that make tonight so important.

It is important to come together – over 1,000 people strong – to remind ourselves of the power and beauty and diversity of our community.

It is important to come together and honor leaders like Terry Cosgrove, Mona Noriega, and the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, who for decades have been fighting for a world in which LGBTQ people are fully equal.

It is important to interact with our elected and public officials to share with them that we are grateful for their courage, remind them what we expect of them in the future, and promise to hold them accountable for advancing our civil rights.

We can assure you that with sustained support from you, Equality Illinois will continue to fight until every member of our community is equal. We will continue to labor to ensure that laws are fully and fairly implemented and to defend LGBTQ-supportive laws from those opposed to equality. We will continue to demand non-discrimination protections for members of the transgender community. We will continue to insist that our youth be allowed to be who they are and that our seniors be treated with dignity and respect. We will continue to confront bigotry, ignorance and intolerance whenever and wherever it appears. And, we will continue to strengthen our statewide coalition and to collaborate with our allies in Chicago, Carbondale, Peoria, Rockford, Springfield, Metropolis, Urbana and elsewhere to build a safe, strong and inclusive Illinois for all of its citizens. These are not just words; these are our promises to you. Our plan of action for accomplishing them will be set forth in our new Strategic Plan, which we are in the process of finalizing and which will be released on July 1, 2017. It will set forth a clear outline for how we will spend the next four years standing up for LGBTQ civil rights.

But tonight, we say thank you to our partners and sponsors for their continued support of our work on behalf of LGBTQ equality. We say thank you to our allies who have never wavered even when threatened by our opponents. And, we say thank you to our donors and members whose support keeps Equality Illinois moving forward and fighting for the LGBTQ community across the state. Our work would not be possible without your ongoing support – on Gala night and throughout the year.

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The Equality Illinois Business Leadership Award is awarded annually to organizations that demonstrate remarkable vision, courage, and leadership in the effort to achieve full equality for LGBTQ individuals in Illinois.

"Lurie Children's Hospital has been at the forefront of fighting for LGBTQ equality in Illinois for many years," Johnson said. "Lurie's dedication to serving LGBTQ youth and families has earned it the deep appreciation of Equality Illinois and earned it the Business Leadership Award."

Johnson said that Illinois' 2015 ban on conversion therapy in Illinois was achieved, in part, due to Lurie's advocacy work done by their Division of Adolescent Medicine. Lurie's groundbreaking Gender Development Services provides cutting-edge, world class, and affirming services for transgender youth and their families. Lurie's HIV/AIDS Prevention Program serves more young people than any other similar provider in the Midwest.

"In fact, our 2017 Gala coincides with the 30th anniversary of the founding of the HIV/AIDS Prevention Program at Lurie," Johnson said.

Dr. Robert Garofalo, head of the Division of Adolescent Medicine at Lurie, said, "All of us at Lurie Children's Hospital have felt that by focusing on LGBTQ lives and ensuring they were safe and healthy, we in turn help everyone. So, we are excited and honored to have a partner like Equality Illinois help us celebrate and promote this way of approaching health care in hopes that others work to replicate it."

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Equality Illinois is proud to present the Freedom Award to Terry Cosgrove for a lifetime of working to secure the rights of LGBTQ Illinoisans and protect women's health care choices.

The Equality Illinois Freedom Award was created to honor individuals and organizations who demonstrate remarkable vision, courage, and leadership in the effort to achieve full equality for LGBTQ individuals in Illinois. "Terry Cosgrove has lived up to those ideals through a lifetime of activism in Illinois," said Brian C. Johnson, CEO of Equality Illinois.

Cosgrove got his start in advocacy in the 1970s when he worked for a tenants' rights organization in Champaign-Urbana while also active in the gay and lesbian rights movement. He played a major role in passage of human rights ordinances by the Champaign and Urbana city councils. Cosgrove's work for LGBTQ rights, women's rights, and on many political campaigns led to his appointment as director of Personal PAC in 1989 and then elevation to president and CEO. Personal PAC focuses on electing pro-choice candidates in the state. He also serves as commissioner on the Illinois Commission on Human Rights, appointed by Gov. Pat Quinn in 2011. He is a 2014 inductee in the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame.

"Women's rights and LGBTQ rights are inextricably tied, and Terry Cosgrove has been involved in all those important human rights battles and related election campaigns in the state for more than four decades," Johnson said.

In acknowledging the Freedom Award, Cosgrove remembered his early days as an advocate at the University of Illinois. "As one of the few out gay men at the U. of I. in the 1970s and 1980s, I couldn't stop speaking out because I knew LGBTQ folks needed to not feel so isolated and desperate," Cosgrove said. "More than ever, the effectiveness and leadership of Equality Illinois is needed to meet the profound challenges still confronting the LGBTQ community today."

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"Mona Noriega epitomizes the criteria for the Equality Illinois Freedom Award, which was created to honor individuals and organizations who demonstrate remarkable vision, courage, and leadership in the effort to achieve full equality for LGBTQ individuals in Illinois," said Brian C. Johnson, CEO of Equality Illinois.

Starting as a citizen activist in the late 1970s, Noriega organized events to help women build their community, and she was a trailblazer for advocacy for Latina lesbians. In 1993, she went to work for Lambda Legal, the national legal organization fighting for LGBTQ rights, where she helped to establish the Midwest office and served as the Midwest Regional Director. In 2011, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel appointed Noriega to serve as Chair and Commissioner of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, which is charged with enforcing the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance and the Chicago Fair Housing Ordinance. She is a 2002 inductee in the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame.

"Mona Noriega has been on the front lines of fighting for LGBTQ rights and women's rights for nearly 40 years, stepping up wherever she saw the need for passion and action," Johnson said.

In accepting the award, Noriega said. "I am truly honored and appreciative to be selected by Equality Illinois as a 2017 Freedom Award recipient. It is even more rewarding coming from an organization which I have long admired and respected for its leadership in working tirelessly to protect and advance the rights of the LGBTQ community. Throughout my professional career fighting injustice and discrimination and advocating for equity and inclusion, Equality Illinois has been a source of strength and a reliable and essential partner. It is always gratifying to be recognized for your work, but for me it is even more important to be honored by your peers, and for this I am truly grateful."

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*Congratulations to Terry Cosgrove and Mona Noriega on receiving the Equality Illinois Freedom Award and to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago on receiving the Equality Illinois Business Leadership Award. Also, I salute Equality Illinois as they continue their work to achieve fair and equal treatment for LGBTQ Illinoisans.*

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## OUR WORK

### TRAINING

We train LGBTQ stakeholders, allies, and community leaders on LGBTQ rights and how to advance them in their communities.

### OUTREACH

We have a public presence throughout the state and create strong allies among community leaders.

### COMMUNICATION

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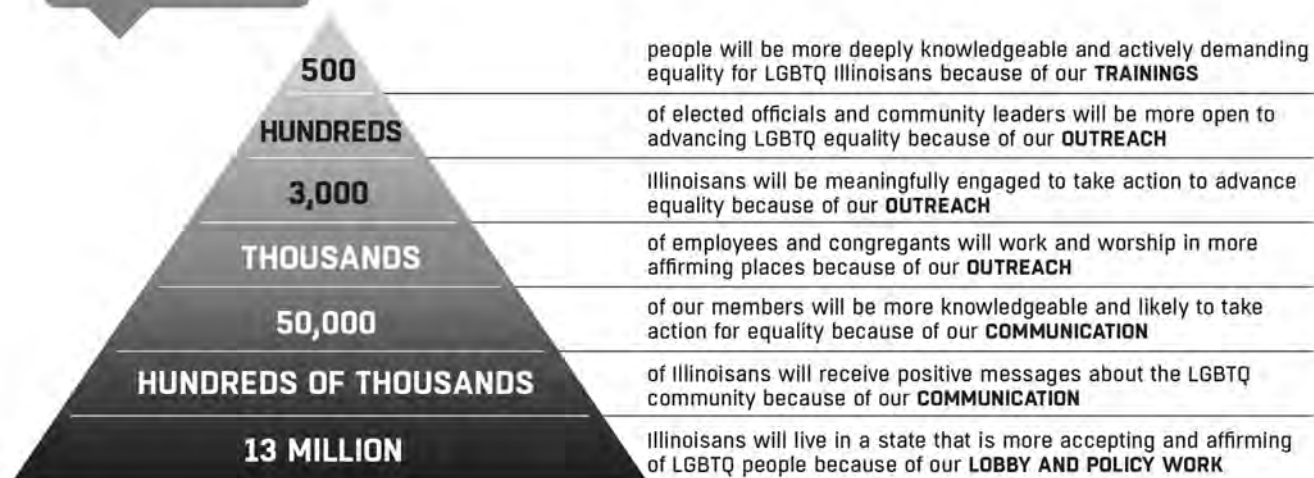
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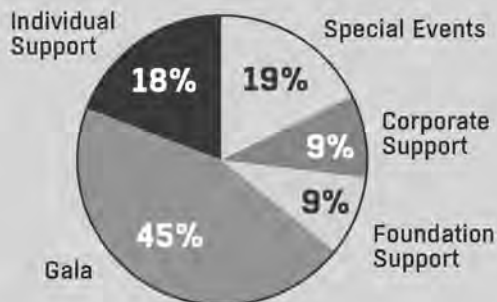
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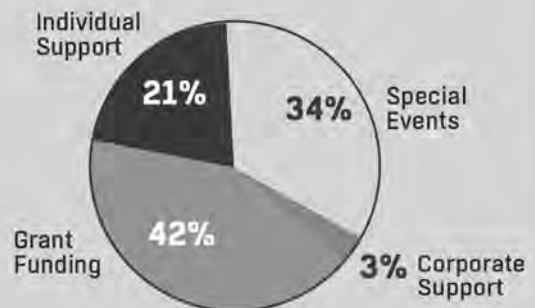
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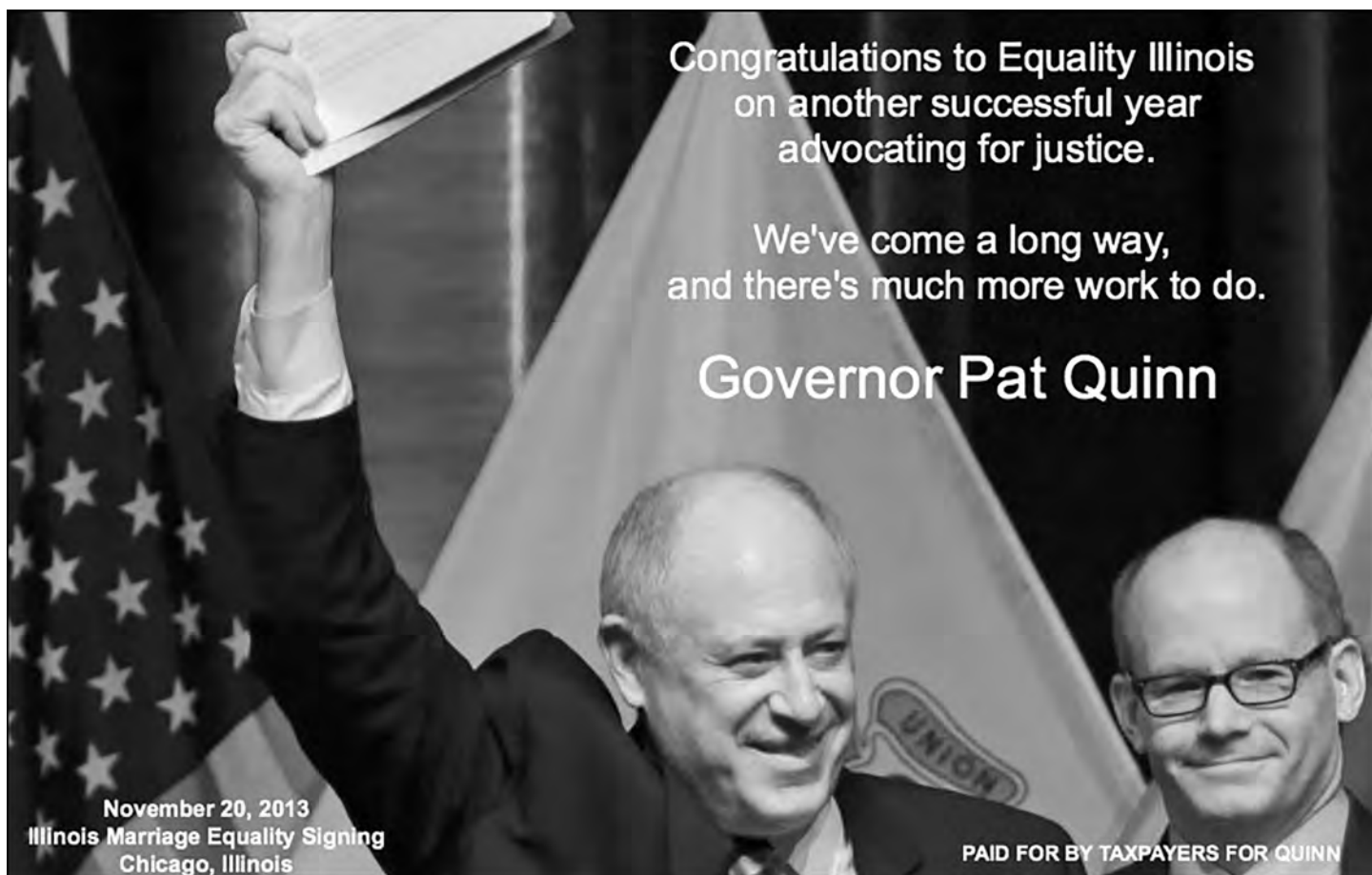
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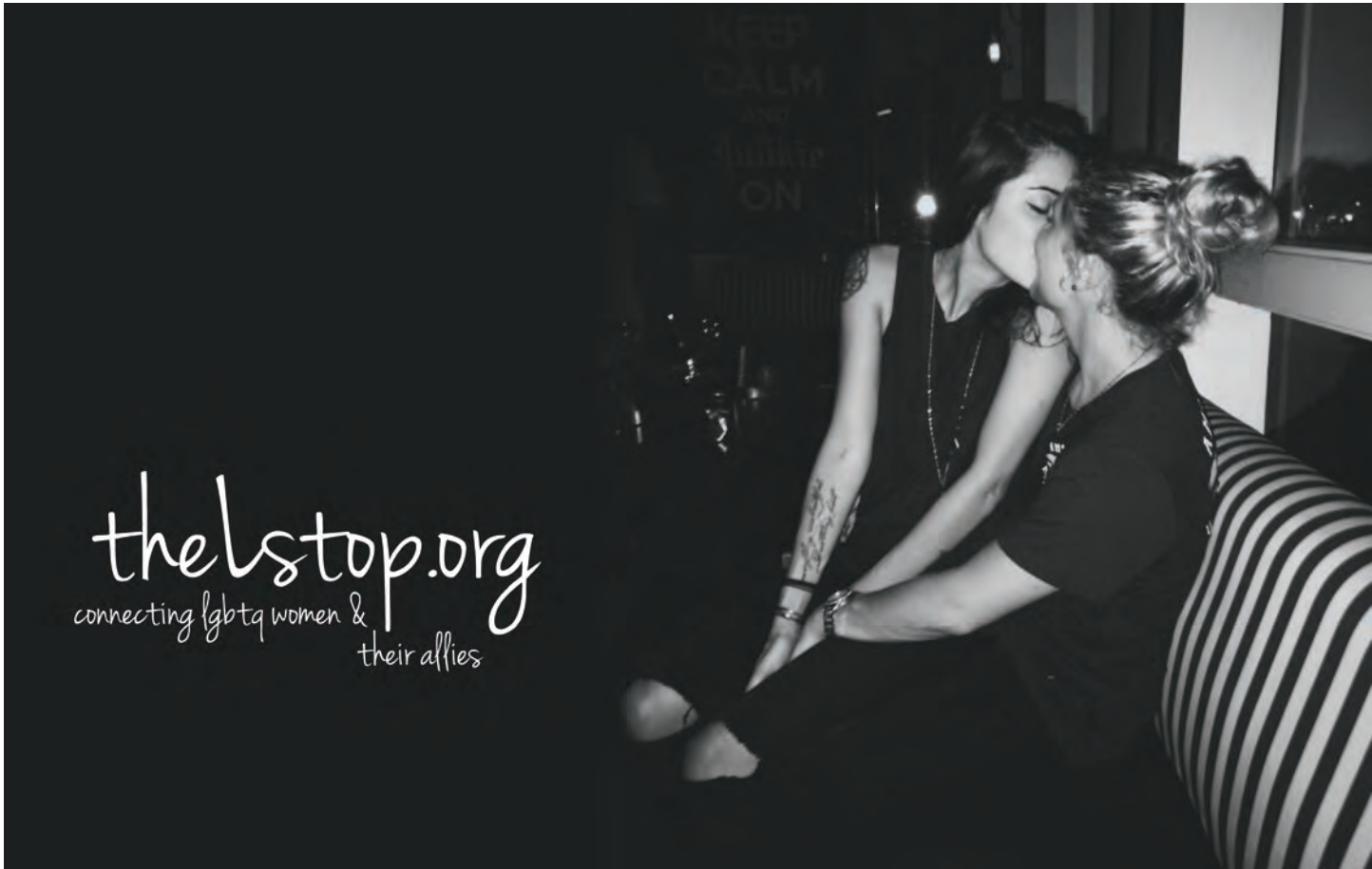


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- Marshal our forces to work with allies and LGBTQ-supportive leaders to block or mitigate the worst inclinations of the Trump-Pence administration and Congress.
- Secure inclusive laws and policies, such as modernizing the standard for changing a gender marker to be consistent with the latest medical knowledge and preventing criminal defendants from justifying their violent action by blaming the victim's sexual orientation or gender identity.
- Grow a strong and diverse statewide network that empowers LGBTQ Illinoisans to live equal in every aspect of their daily lives and activates the population at large through educational events, networking meetings, and leadership development.
- Work with Illinois-based businesses to create and maintain inclusive and welcoming workplace practices and inviting spaces for LGBTQ clients.
- Engage faith leaders from inclusive communities of faith on issues of social justice for the LGBTQ community and seek out clergy persons who are looking to create safe spaces for the community in their faith tradition.
- Convene the third annual LGBTQ Equality Institute in Chicago and second annual LGBTQ Equality Institute in Springfield to educate and empower hundreds of supporters, thought leaders, and stakeholders statewide.
- Ensure existing laws are properly implemented across the state.
- Protect, defend, and expand LGBTQ rights under the law by defeating all anti-LGBTQ legislative or ballot efforts as well as advancing federal and state priorities, including the Equality Act.
- Host forums and trainings across the state to educate members of the LGBTQ community about their rights, how to take advantage of these rights, and how to seek remedies when their legal rights are impaired.
- In pursuing every state and federal priority, ensure full inclusion of transgender and gender non-confirming individuals.
- Expand collaborations with youth advocacy organizations, labor unions, non-LGBTQ community members and organizations, LGBTQ-supportive small businesses, and racial, immigrant, and economic justice organizations.

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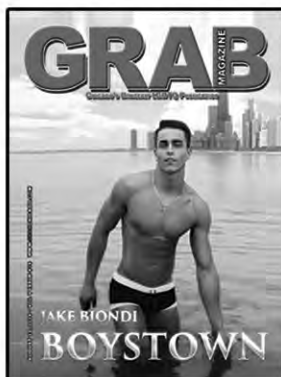
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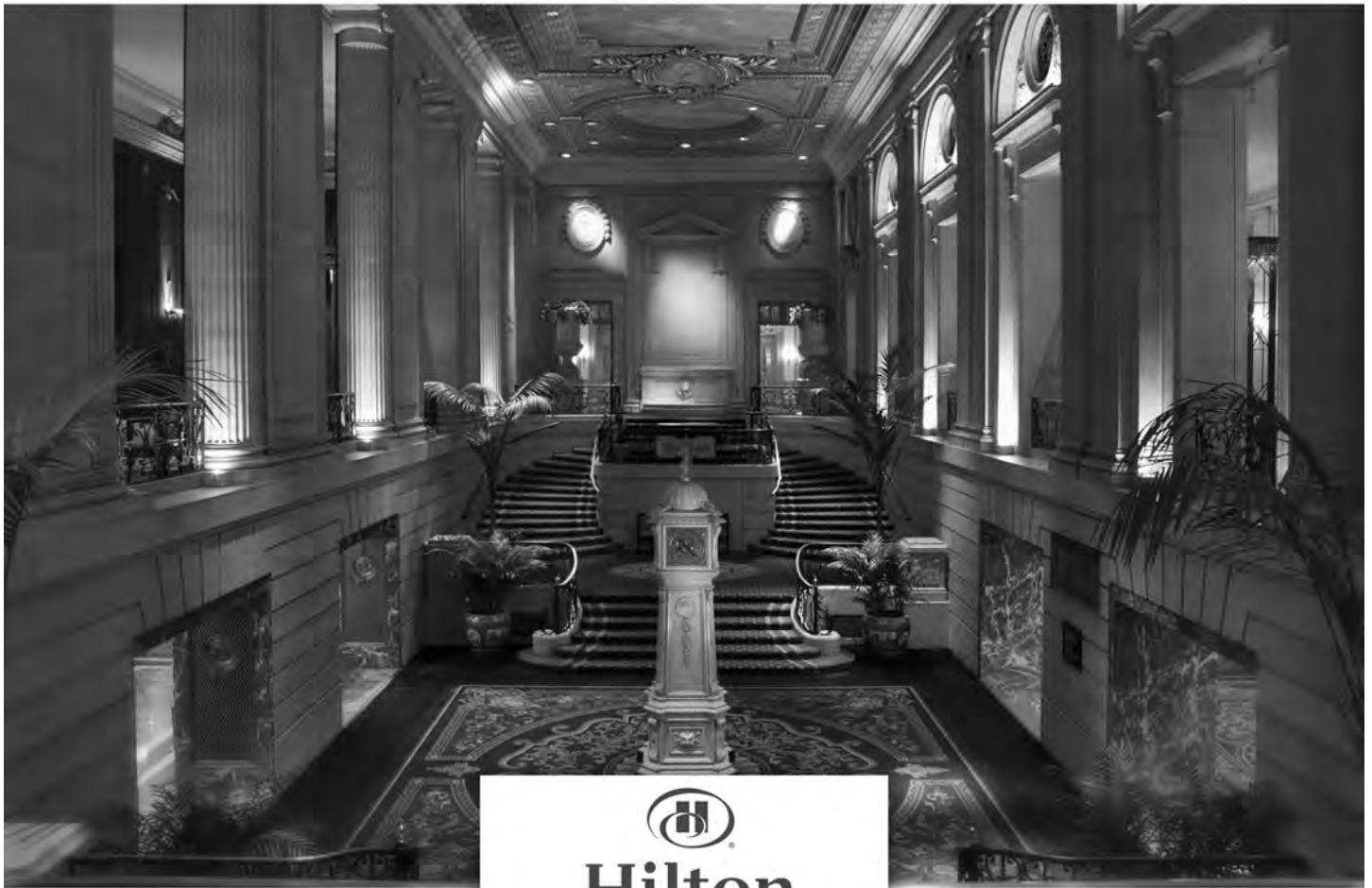
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