

# *A Resolution*

*adopted by The Board of Commissioners  
of the Chicago Park District, Illinois*



*Presented by the Board of Commissioners on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**WHEREAS**, since 2019, Jose Muñoz has honorably served the Chicago Park District with great integrity, dedication, and passion as a member of the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Muñoz was appointed and approved by the Chicago City Council to the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners on September 18, 2019, and his commitment to the impact of Chicago's parks on the youth and families of Chicago has been paramount during his tenure on the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Muñoz is a lifelong Chicagoan, and beyond his role on the Board, Commissioner Muñoz is a devoted community advocate dedicated to equity, civic engagement, and supporting Chicago's youth, as demonstrated in his current capacity as the Executive Director of La Casa Norte, one of Chicago's largest providers of services to youth and families experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Joining La Casa Norte in 2020 a month before the COVID-19 pandemic, he led the organization through one of the toughest years in its history and more than tripled the organization's impact from 2019, serving over 22,000 individuals in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, before joining La Casa Norte, Commissioner Muñoz was Chief Marking Officer in the Illinois Governor's Office where he led the statewide rollout of the health insurance market place public education campaign, helping over a million individuals gain health insurance coverage and widely acknowledged as one of the most successful health insurances marketplace rollouts in the country. Commissioner Muñoz was recognized widely for engaging "hard to reach" groups such as ethnic minorities and millennials and was invited to the white house to share best practices. Commissioner Muñoz also served as Deputy Commissioner for the City of Chicago's Department of Public Health on the first citywide comprehensive public health and strategic plan known as Healthy Chicago; and,

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Muñoz also was appointed by Governor JB Pritzker to serve as Vice Chair of the Hispanic Employment Plan Advisory Council for the State of Illinois, in addition to serving as the Co-Chair for the Illinois Latino Agenda, as well as a Health Equity Advisory Committee Member for the American Heart Association; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the Chicago Park District Board, Commissioner Muñoz has further generously contributed his time and talents to other related responsibilities by serving as a member of the NeighborSpace Board, and as a member of the Chicago Park District Personnel Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Muñoz has improved countless initiatives by challenging the Park District with his thoughtful questions and critical thinking, and has participated in numerous updates to the Chicago Park District Code, policies, and planning efforts, and has served with great pride, consistently upholding the Chicago Park District's mission with his integrity and commitment to the public interest and by exemplifying true leadership sought in all of our civil servants; then, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners and the General Superintendent and CEO, extend our heartfelt gratitude to Commissioner Muñoz for his years of dedication and service to the Chicago Park District and to the people of the City of Chicago, and that a suitable copy of this proclamation be presented to Commissioner Muñoz on this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2024.

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Modesto Valle  
Vice President, Board of Commissioners

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Rosa Escareño  
General Superintendent & CEO