

A Resolution

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



Presented by the Board of Commissioners on June 12th, 2024

WHEREAS, since 2022, Sharif Walker has honorably served the Chicago Park District with great integrity, dedication, and passion as a member of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Walker was appointed and approved by the Chicago City Council to the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners on April 27, 2022, 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, beyond his role on the Board, Commissioner Walker is a devoted community advocate dedicated to equity, civic engagement, and supporting Chicago's youth, as demonstrated in his current capacity as the President and CEO at Bethel New Life, Inc. in the Austin community, as well in his creation of Ground Game Consulting, an entrepreneurial venture providing strategic guidance to change socioeconomic circumstances in local communities and as a member of the City of Chicago's Equity Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Walker also served as the former Board Chair of Austin Coming Together, founded his own nonprofit organization - Pyramid Players Productions, managed partnerships and programming for the Chicago Park District and After School Matters, and, as a well-respected community leader, received multiple awards for his work including the Ember Award from the Black United Fund of Illinois and Planting Seeds of Change Award from Taproots, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, an avid park user himself and as a former staff member at the Chicago Park District, Commissioner Walker is uniquely positioned to understand the impact of policy changes on the Park District Staff and Operation, and has generously contributed his time and talents to countless initiatives as a member of the Board, participating in numerous updates to the Chicago Park District Code, policies and planning efforts, including advising in community engagement efforts and numerous community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Walker has honorably upheld the Chicago Park District's mission with his 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 Walker 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 Walker on this 12th Day of June 2024.

Myetie H. Hamilton
President, Board of Commissioners

Rosa Escareño
General Superintendent & CEO