



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2018

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Michael D. Rodriguez's election as the Executive Vice Chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party

WHEREAS, Michael D. Rodriguez was born in the Little Village neighborhood of Chicago to Mexican and Puerto Rican parents; and

WHEREAS, Michael earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Commerce with a minor in Latin American Studies from DePaul University, after which he received a certificate in Executive Leadership from the University of Notre Dame and completed a Master of Arts Degree at the University of Chicago in Community Organizing, Planning and Development; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 he was hired by Enlace Chicago, a neighborhood organization whose goal is to improve the lives of the residents of the Little Village neighborhood through various programs. In 2010, Mr. Rodriguez was promoted to the role of Executive Director of Enlace Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2015, Michael announced that he was leaving Enlace Chicago to seek election as the Democratic Committeeman for the 22nd Ward. He was elected in March of 2016; and

WHEREAS, he has worked with the City of Chicago Instituto del Progreso Latino and the U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute. He has served on the Public Safety Transition Committees of Cook County, was a fellow with Leadership Greater Chicago, and served as Vice President of the National Council of La Raza, Affiliate Council; and

WHEREAS, Michael has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Elizabeth Butler Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Chicago, the Community Impact Award from Neighborhood Housing Services, and the McCormick-Tribune Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, due to his dedicated commitment to serve the public, Governor Pat Quinn appointed him to the Illinois Racial and Ethnic Impact Study Commission and the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission. Additionally, President Obama named him a Champion of Change in Youth Violence Prevention; and

WHEREAS, Michael D. Rodriguez is a lifelong resident of the Little Village neighborhood, where he currently resides with his wife and daughter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, on behalf of ourselves and staff, do hereby recognize the election of Michael D. Rodriguez as the Executive Vice Chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and that a copy of same, suitably engrossed, be presented to Michael D. Rodriguez.

Dated: August 2, 2018

Approved: MARIYANA T. SPYROPOULOS, President; BARBARA J. MCGOWAN, Vice President; FRANK AVILA, Chairman, Committee on Finance; KENNETH DUNKIN; MARTIN J. DURKAN; JOSINA MORITA; DEBRA SHORE; KARI K. STEELE; DAVID J. WALSH; Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation

District of Greater Chicago

Approved as to Form and Legality: Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel