

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has long prided itself on its diversity, freedom of expression, and commitment to open civic dialogue; and

WHEREAS, the right of every individual to hold and express political or religious beliefs is protected by the Constitution and is essential to a healthy democracy; and

WHEREAS, incidents of harassment, intimidation, and violence directed toward individuals based on their political or religious views have become increasingly common across the nation, threatening not only the safety and dignity of those targeted and their families but also the principles of tolerance and mutual respect on which our city and country are built; and

WHEREAS, recent events — including the assassination of Republican and conservative influencer Charlie Kirk and Democrat and former Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman, as well as acts of violence and intimidation against individuals of other political and religious persuasions — have underscored the urgent need to reaffirm that disagreement must never escalate into harm; and

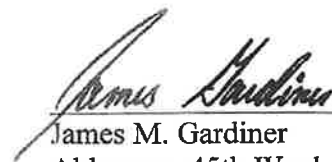
WHEREAS, condemning such violence is not an endorsement of any particular viewpoint, but rather a defense of the right of all people, regardless of ideology or creed, to live and speak freely without fear of harm; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Brandon Johnson and the Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago do hereby condemn the assassinations of Republican and conservative influencer Charlie Kirk and Democrat and former Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman, as well as all acts of violence, intimidation, or harassment targeting individuals on the basis of their political or religious beliefs, regardless of where they fall on the ideological spectrum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Brandon Johnson and the City Council reaffirm their commitment to upholding the constitutional rights of free speech, peaceful assembly, and religious liberty for all Chicagoans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Brandon Johnson and the City Council encourage constructive dialogue and peaceful engagement across differences, recognizing that robust debate is a cornerstone of democracy, but violence has no place in civic life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to community and civic organizations throughout the city to reaffirm Chicago's commitment to protecting its residents from violence and intimidation.



James M. Gardiner
Alderman, 45th Ward


Ward 1 — Daniel La Spata

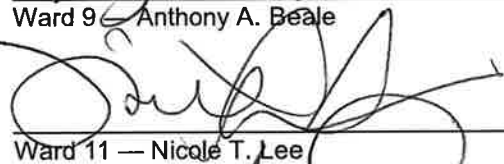

Ward 2 — Brian Hopkins

Ward 3 — Pat Dowell

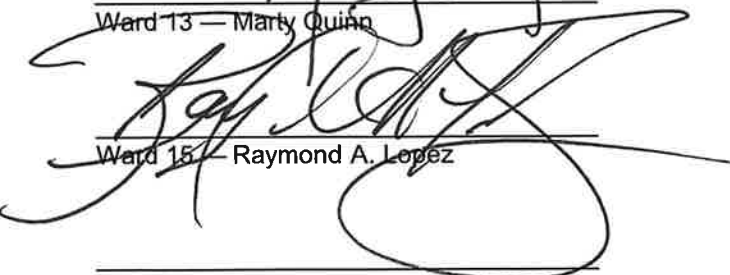

Ward 5 — Desmond C. Yancy

Ward 7 — Gregory I. Mitchell

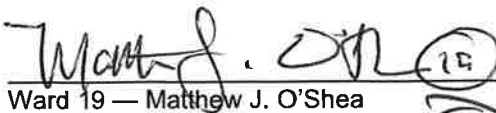

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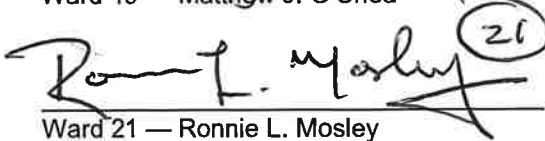

Ward 11 — Nicole T. Lee


Ward 13 — Marty Quinn


Ward 15 — Raymond A. Lopez

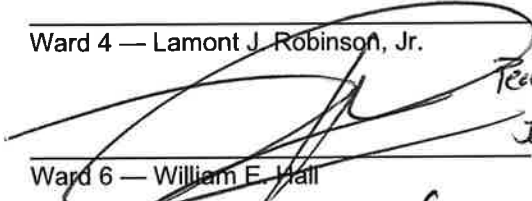
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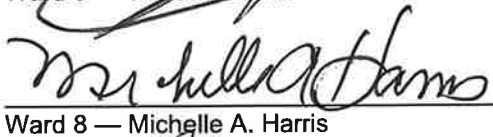

Ward 19 — Matthew J. O'Shea


Ward 21 — Ronnie L. Mosley

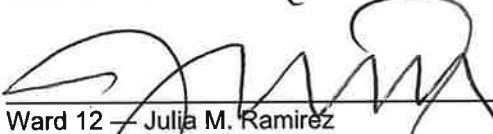

Ward 23 — Silvana Tabares

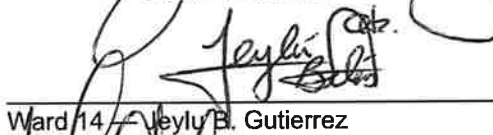
Ward 4 — Lamont J. Robinson, Jr.


Ward 6 — William F. Hall


Ward 8 — Michelle A. Harris


Ward 10 — Peter Chico


Ward 12 — Julia M. Ramirez


Ward 14 — Jeylu B. Gutierrez


Ward 16 — Stephanie D. Coleman


Ward 18 — Derrick G. Curtis


Ward 20 — Jeanette B. Taylor


Ward 22 — Michael D. Rodriguez


Ward 24 — Monique L. Scott


Ward 25 — Byron Sigcho-Lopez

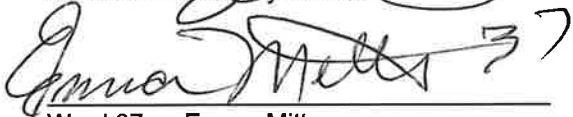

Ward 27 — Walter Redmond "Red" Burnett


Ward 29 — Chris Taliaferro

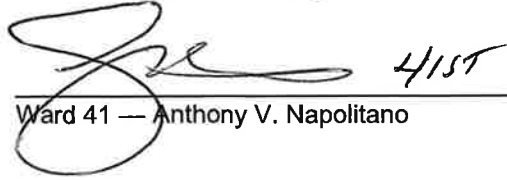

Ward 31 — Felix Cardona, Jr.

Ward 33 — Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez

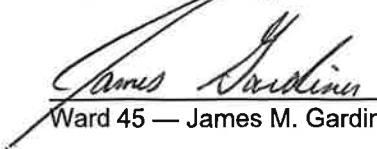

Ward 35 — Anthony Quezada


Ward 37 — Emma Mitts


Ward 39 — Samantha Nugent


Ward 41 — Anthony V. Napolitano

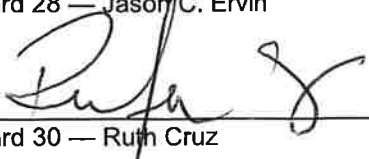
Ward 43 — Timothy R. Knudsen


Ward 45 — James M. Gardiner

Ward 47 — Matthew J. Martin

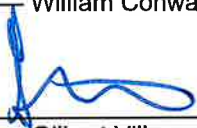
Ward 26 — Jessica L. Fuentes

Ward 28 — Jason C. Ervin


Ward 30 — Ruth Cruz


Ward 32 — Scott Waguespack

Ward 34 — William Conway

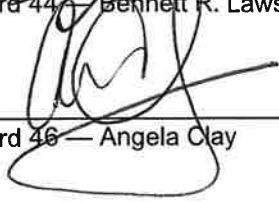

Ward 36 — Gilbert Villegas


Ward 38 — Nicholas Sposato


Ward 40 — Andre Vasquez, Jr.

Ward 42 — Brendan Reilly


Ward 44 — Bennett R. Lawson


Ward 46 — Angela Clay

Ward 48 — Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth

Ward 49 — Maria E. Hadden

Debra Silverstein 
Ward 50 — Debra L. Silverstein