

April 6th, 2025

Lynne Turner, Secretary to the Board Cook County Board of Commissioners 118 N. Clark St. Chicago, IL 60602

RE: Letter of Resignation for Anthony J. Quezada as Commissioner of Cook County's 8th District

Dear Madam Secretary Lynne Turner,

It is with great excitement and a bittersweet heart that I write to officially submit my letter of resignation as commissioner of Cook County's 8th District, effective Sunday, April 6 at 11:59 PM. It has been the honor of a lifetime to represent the people of the 8th District and to fight for the well-being of all of our county's residents.

Working in Cook County government alongside dedicated public servants such as yourself and your team, as well as the bold, progressive leadership of President Toni Preckwinkle, her entire administration, and our fantastic board of commissioners, has been an enlightening and inspiring experience. I am grateful to have learned from all of you over the past two years.

I also want to highlight and uplift our caring, diverse, and talented county workforce, who provide quality public services to our communities every single day. From the healthcare workers at our Cook County Health hospitals and clinics to the workers who tend to the lands of our glistening forest preserves, we are fortunate to work for the best county in the United States.

As I transition to my new role as Alderman of Chicago's 35th Ward, please know that I will always be a partner to Cook County. I will never forget where I came from and who helped shape me into the leader I am today. Do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Now more than ever, we must fight to build a government and economy that works for everyone, not just the ultra-wealthy and socially privileged. Together, we must end the failed policies that continue to plague our neighborhoods, like generational poverty, systemic racism, environmental devastation, and xenophobia. And we must always summon the courage to stand up to authoritarianism.

That vision of a better tomorrow is only possible if we work to build compassion, empathy, understanding, and solidarity with everyone.

Sincerely, Anthony Joel Quezada