



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING TERESA CÓRDOVA'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO'S GREAT CITIES INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, Dr. Teresa Córdova is the Director of the Great Cities Institute (GCI) at the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

WHEREAS, UIC's Great Cities Institute is a research hub for scholars, policymakers, and stakeholders who share an interest in finding answers to the question, "What can cities and regions do to make themselves into great places?"; and

WHEREAS, UIC's Great Cities Institute advances conversations on key issues as well as promoting community economic development strategies, providing data and technical assistance, facilitating collaboration and public engagement, assisting with mentorship, training and capacity building, conducting evaluations, policies and impact analyses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Córdova is also a Professor of Urban Planning and Policy in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs (CUPPA); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Córdova received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkley, in 1986, her M.A. at the University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, 1979 and her B.A. at the University of Denver, Sociology, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Córdova was also an elected and appointed member and chair of national, regional, and local boards, commissions, and steering committees of federal, regional, county and city governments, community development corporations, grassroots organizations, editorial boards, research centers, professional associations, planning organizations, policy groups, civic and advisory councils, coalitions, and campus committees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Córdova has been instrumental in affecting economic development policy and projects, the provision and design of infrastructure, local governance, and neighborhood change; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Córdova approaches her work as a *scholarship of engagement* in which research, pedagogy, and service are integrated; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Dr. Córdova has engaged with communities outside the university and is an expert in community/university partnership; and

WHEREAS, in October 2019, Dr. Córdova was one of four individuals honored by State Comptroller, Susana Mendoza, during Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Córdova was also listed in 2015, 2016, and 2017 in the Chicago United and *Negocios Now, Who's Who in Hispanic Chicago* and was recently recognized as an *Advocate for Inclusion* by Chicago United; and

WHEREAS, since April 2020, she has worked closely with Illinois Unidos: Illinois Latino COVID-19 Initiative and serves as co-chair of its Workplace Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Córdoba's recent service includes sitting on the Boards of Directors of Manufacturing Renaissance, LUCHA (Latino United Community Housing Association), and Illinois Voices for Children's Thought Leaders of Color Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, in her ongoing work as Director of UIC's Great Cities Institute, Dr. Córdoba and GCI researcher, Matthew D. Wilson, have produced several reports on joblessness among teens and young adults in Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Dr. Teresa Córdoba for her 10th year anniversary at the University of Illinois at Chicago's Great Cities Institute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to Teresa Córdoba for her outstanding achievements.