



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF URBAN PLANNING AND POLICY ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Urban Planning and Policy is celebrating its 40th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Task Force of the UIC College of Urban Sciences delivered recommendations on February 6, 1973, to its new dean, Charles Orlebeke, to open the Master of Urban Planning and Policy academic program; and

WHEREAS, that fall the college consisted of two units: the academic program leading to the Master of Urban Planning and Policy and the Center for Urban Studies focusing on research and public service activities; and

WHEREAS, the UIC Department of Urban Planning and Policy has since grown to one of the largest graduate planning programs in the nation and the only accredited planning program in the Chicago area, boasting more than 2000 students and alumni; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Urban Planning and Policy's Masters in Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP) program ranks in the top tier nationally in the Planetizen Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs, and is a recognized leader in urban planning and policy education in the world; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Urban Planning and Policy is now housed in the UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, a college established through the UIC Great Cities Initiative to provide innovative urban planning and public management education that puts engaged research to purposeful use at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects faster than average employment growth for urban and regional planners; and,

WHEREAS, there are few investments more important than those we make in our education and improving the human condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the UIC Department of Urban Planning and Policy on its 40th anniversary and extends its best wishes for continued excellence in education and research to foster the growth and improvement of our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the UIC Department of Urban Planning and Policy.