



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

File #: 22-4695, Version: 1

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING TELPOCHCALLI COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT (TCEP) ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, originally founded in 1998, Telpochcalli Community Education Project (TCEP) has grown from a small agency dedicated to improving neighborhood educational opportunities and facilities to a full-service agency serving more than 5,000 community residents annually; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2002, TCEP was formally established as a 501c3 nonprofit community-based organization and centers in work in four specific areas - essential services, the call center, training, and mentorship projects; and

WHEREAS, TCEP identifies residents' needs and undertakes significant advocacy efforts on their behalf through its participation in many citywide and state coalitions and networks; and

WHEREAS, TCEP is a special, unique, and valuable resource center in Pilsen, Little Village and Marshall Square communities by providing its residents with wrap-around comprehensive direct services; opportunities to develop skills that ensure their active participation in decisions directly affect their health and well-being; and support in their efforts to secure political, economic, and social equity; and

WHEREAS, TCEP mobilizes youth and adults for social justice work by building individual capacity, collective power, and mutual responsibility through culturally relevant and community-directed education, leadership development, and organizing; and

WHEREAS, TCEP's vision is to increase the capacity and participation of Pilsen, Little Village, and Marshall Square residents in the formation of a more united, educated, safer, and socially prepared community, through a cultural center directed by the residents themselves.

WHEREAS, TCEP recognizes the talent and culture within our community, and will reach their goal by developing and organizing educational, cultural, and leadership programs and events for children, teenagers, and adults which promote their project within and beyond their community, and

WHEREAS, TCEP's *Servicios esenciales* program helps with services around are health and well-being, food, economic assistance, Covid prevention, personal protective equipment (PPE), emergency deliveries, and translations; and

WHEREAS, TCEP's *Comunidad presente* program is a call center to connects people to resources, respond to inquiries, calls, texts, referrals, documents, applications, and forms assistance, scholarship and college support; and

WHEREAS, TCEP's *De colores* program includes trainings in computers, community organizing, outreach, English as a second language (ESL), problem solving, leadership/social-economic development, first aid, and *El Jardin*: urban gardening; and

WHEREAS, TCEP puts a high value on the capacity of individuals to have both a collective impact on and responsibility for their own well-being and that of their communities; the culture and traditions of all members of the community; working collaboratively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Telpochcalli Community Education Project (TCEP) on its 20th Anniversary.

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 Telpochcalli Community Education Project (TCEP) in honor of its outstanding community work and may continue servicing the community.