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Title:	Congratulations extended to Danny Seraphine for Contributions to Music and the City of Chicago
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RESOLUTION HONORING
DANNY SERAPHINE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS
TO MUSIC AND TO THE CITY OF CHICAGO

WHEREAS, Danny Seraphine was born on August 28, 1948 in this great city and grew up on the 3500 block of N. Normandy, attending St. Priscilla Grammar School, Steinmetz High School and going on to study privately with famed percussionist Bob Tilles at DePaul University, where members of *Chicago* were also studying; and

WHEREAS, Danny Seraphine has achieved great heights as a pioneering jazz-rock drummer, composer and a founding member of the legendary rock group *Chicago*, who along with band members (and teen friends) Walter Parazaider and Terry Kath, and Lee Loughnane, James Pankow, Robert Lamm and Peter Cetera are a great source of pride for the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, *Chicago* was originally called "*The Chicago Transit Authority*", until the actual Chicago Transit Authority threatened legal action, consequently shortening its name to "*Chicago*", thus allowing this great city to share a name with this beloved and acclaimed band; and

WHEREAS, Danny Seraphine is known for his creativity and lightening speed, renowned for his mastery of the drums, a wonderful example of this showcased on *Chicago's* mega-hit "25 or 6 to 4"; and

WHEREAS, Danny Seraphine, along with his band mates, achieved world renowned fame and recognition as the iconic group *Chicago*, who worldwide sold over 122 million albums, and domestically earned 22 gold, 18 platinum, and 8 multi-platinum albums, making *Chicago* one of the longest running and most successful pop/rock and roll groups of all time; and

WHEREAS, Danny Seraphine and *Chicago* were awarded a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for Recording at 6438 Hollywood Boulevard in Hollywood, California, forever securing their place in rock history and in the hearts of their fans; and

WHEREAS, Danny Seraphine is considered a critically acclaimed instrumentalist and composer, being recognized by *Rolling Stone Magazine* as being one of the top 100 drummers of all time; and

WHEREAS, Danny Seraphine has continued to engage in creative endeavors with a variety of musical and theatrical projects, producing and resourcing investment for Broadway shows, and

WHEREAS, Danny Seraphine is a published author, releasing his autobiography, *Street Player: My Chicago Story* in 2010, as well as the biographical and instructional DVD "The Art of Jazz Rock Drumming" produced by the Drum Channel; and

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WHEREAS, Danny Seraphine is a recipient of many well-deserved awards including a Lifetime Achievement Award given at the Cape Breton Drum Festival (2010) and a second Lifetime Achievement Award given at the Montreal Drum Festival (2011); and

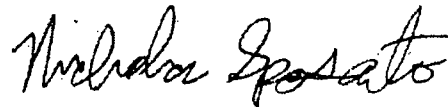
WHEREAS, In 2006 Danny Seraphine debuted a new band, *California Transit Authority (CTA)*, whose music is built on Seraphine's beloved music heritage of blazing brass, taut funk, searing guitars and adventurous musicianship, delighting a new generation of fans; and

WHEREAS, Danny Seraphine is to be commended for his inspiration to young people, especially those in the City of Chicago, serving as proof that with hard work sometimes dreams can come true;

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago thanks Danny Seraphine, one of its own, for his talents and for the honor and acclaim he has brought to our great city, and for the musical gifts that he has shared with so many.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this 6th day of May, 2015, A.D., do hereby express our gratitude and appreciation to Danny Seraphine for his gifts to this city and the world, and we assure him that we will never forget his fine legacy or his contributions to the City of Chicago and its people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Danny Seraphine.



Nicholas Sposato
Alderman, 36th Ward