



Office of Chicago City Clerk



R2011-651

Office of the City Clerk

City Council Document Tracking Sheet

Meeting Date:	5/18/2011
Sponsor(s):	Cardenas, George (12) And Others
Type:	Resolution
Title:	Various committees to hold hearings on clean up of Chicago Area Waterway System
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Health and Environmental Protection

CHICAGO AREA WATERWAY SYSTEM RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has determined that the water quality standards within the City of Chicago needs to be updated to provide protection to the increasing number of people who wish to use the Chicago River System; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, which has a service population of greater than five million people, and that this proposal would require the disinfection of wastewater from their North Side and Calumet Water sewerage treatment facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Chicago Area Waterway System has been transformed into a valuable recreation asset that citizen increasingly use for boating, canoeing, kayaking, jet and water skiing, tubing and swimming; and,

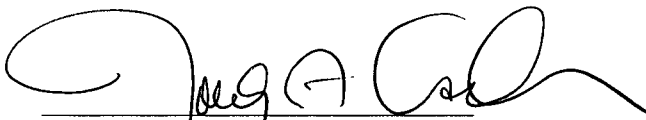
WHEREAS, according to the Friends of the Chicago River, the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District have spent more than \$100 million improving public access, including boat launches, river walks and waterfront parks along what is considered our second shoreline; and,

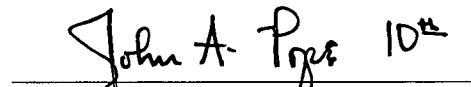
WHEREAS, City of Chicago's River Agenda is to improve water quality, protect nature and wildlife in the city, balance river uses, enhance neighborhood and community life through careful stewardship of the river will ensure that it remains viable for all; and,

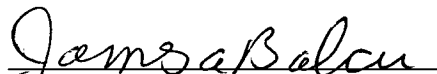
WHEREAS, continued improvement of the Chicago Area Waterway System will help preserve Chicago's position as a world class city and leader in urban conservation movement; through careful stewardship of the river which will ensure that it remains viable for all of the critical roles it plays in the life of our City; and,

WHEREAS, in a report to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Chicago Area Water System is long overdue on updating its water quality standards to provide the Clean Water Act protections that must accompany this transformation, now therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Health, Energy and Environmental Protection hold hearing(s) with the various City, County and State Agencies to learn more about the clean up of the Chicago River and for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to appear before the Committee to discuss the plans for the Chicago Area Waterway System clean up.




George A. Cardenas
Alderman, 12th Ward


John A. Pops 10th
Co Sponsor


James Balcan
Co Sponsor


Anthony Al Beale 9th
Co Sponsor


Willie Cochran 20th
Alderman


Paul A. [unclear] (6)

Leslie A. Huiston 5th

John June 18th
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 17th
Co Sponsor

Jillann Thompson 16th
Co Sponsor

Paul Moore 48
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 15th
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 50
Co Sponsor

Marty Gunn 13th
Co Sponsor

[Signature]
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 47th Mrs
Co Sponsor

James Apple 46th
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 45
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 44
Co Sponsor

Michele Suter 43
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 42
Co Sponsor

Mary O'Connor
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 40
Co Sponsor

Maud L 39
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 38
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 37
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 35th
Co Sponsor

Nicholas Sparto 36th
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 21
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 19

[Signature] 28
Co Sponsor

[Signature] 25

Michael D Chandler 24th
Ray [Signature] 23/22

[Signature] 32

[Signature] 29th
[Signature] 21

Robert [Signature] (Co-sponsor) 26th

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]