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Type: Resolution

Title: Calling for Chicago Board of Education to maintain current management structure of UNO Charter Schools Network

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Education and Child Development

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United Neighborhood Organization (UNO) was established in Chicago to represent the interests of Chicago's Latino population by providing advocacy and promoting social awareness of the challenges that population faces; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 UNO established the UNO Charter Schools Network (UCSN) to provide education directly in Chicago's Latino communities; and

WHEREAS, UCSN currently operate 16 charter schools, serving over 8,000 children; and

WHEREAS, UCSN and UNO have maintained a contractual arrangement whereby UNO owns the school properties, provides management services and receives compensation from the network it founded; and

WHEREAS, that contractual relationship is now questioned by UCSN, which has ceased payments to UNO, thereby threatening its parent organization's ability to perform all of its community services; and

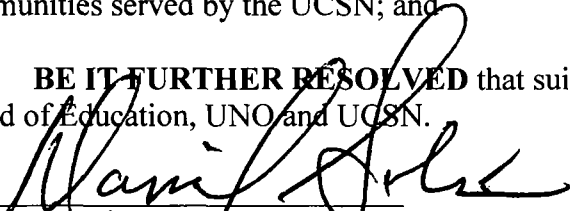
WHEREAS, UNO may be required, for financial reasons, to sell off as many as five of its school properties in order to maintain its financial viability; and

WHEREAS, the separation of UNO from UCSN could lead to closing of some UCSN schools, thereby disrupting the education of children currently enrolled through dislocation, the time and cost of travel, and the uncertainty of moving into a new school; and

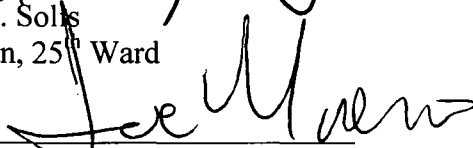
WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Latino population of the City of Chicago that UNO and UCSN maintain their current management structure and relationship; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, call on the Chicago Board of Education to maintain the current management structure of the UNO Charter Schools Network, and we call on UNO and UCSN to collaborate for the benefit of the children, families and communities served by the UCSN; and

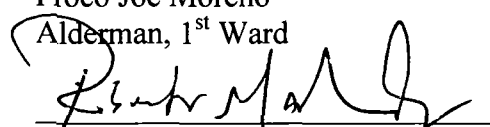
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be presented to the Chicago Board of Education, UNO and UCSN.



Daniel S. Solis
Alderman, 25th Ward

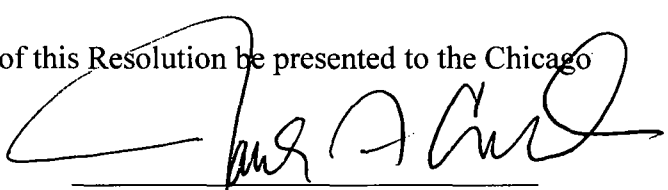


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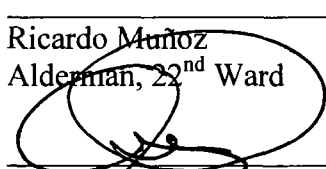


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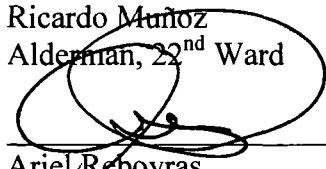
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