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Title: Expression of support extended to attendees of "Sharing Approaches That Work" conference

Committee(s) Assignment:

SUPPORT FOR ATTENDEES OF THE “SHARING APPROACHES THAT WORK” CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago recognizes that the world today is confronted with an enormous crisis connected to unsustainable consumption of natural resources, global climate change, and rapidly changing economic realities; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago has established itself as a national leader as a “green city” in addressing challenges associated with the environmental crisis; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago finds great strength in the diversity and vitality of its neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago has historically symbolized the uniqueness, power, and creativity of its neighborhoods through the identification of 77 distinctive community areas; and

WHEREAS, Grassroots sustainability initiatives are being planned and implemented throughout all of these 77 community areas; and

WHEREAS, Local initiatives have been documented during the past year by students from classes at Chicago State University, DePaul University, Loyola University, Northeastern Illinois University, Roosevelt University, and by summer interns at the Institute of Cultural Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The development of new knowledge, practices, courage, and commitment occurs through peer-to-peer connections, interaction, and the sharing of lessons learned, thereby “accelerating” current activities; and

WHEREAS, A broad alliance of nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and businesses in Chicago seek practical ways to encourage and support local sustainability initiatives; and

WHEREAS, All of these collaborative efforts, driven by local initiatives in a bottom-up manner, have coalesced into a city-wide program named “Accelerating Green Initiatives in Chicago’s 77 Community Areas” -- known in short as “Accelerate 77;” and

WHEREAS, The Institute of Cultural Affairs is serving as the organizing sponsor of the “Accelerate 77” program; and

WHEREAS, Representatives of local sustainability initiatives from all 77 community areas of the city have registered to attend a “Sharing Approaches That Work” Conference at Truman College on Saturday, September 15, 2012;

WHEREAS, The city-wide Conference on September 15, 2012, will be the launching of peer-to-peer activities through community-based networking, training, planning, and implementation that will occur during the next three years; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of Chicago gathered together this 12th day of September 2012 AD, do hereby extend our best wishes and support to all those attending the “Sharing Approaches That Work” Conference and participating in the forthcoming work of “Accelerate 77.”



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