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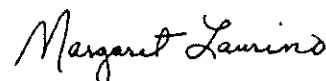
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Alderman Daniel Solis (25th), Chairman Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards, attended a one-week transportation study tour in the Netherlands, hosted by the Bikes Belong Foundation. Alderman Solis was joined on this trip by Mike Amsden, Senior Planner and Project Manager for the Protected Bikeways Initiative for Chicago Department of Transportation and David Gleason, Bikeways Traffic Engineer for CDOT. As part of a small delegation from different cities across the United States, Ald. Solis, Mr. Amsden and Mr. Gleason visited sites throughout the Netherlands with world-class levels of bicycling participation and safety; and

WHEREAS, The Netherlands is internationally renowned for its expertise and experience in bicycle planning, engineering and policy. Members of the delegation visited Amsterdam, Utrecht and Rotterdam where they conducted an in-depth exploration of bicycle infrastructure design, planning and policy at a range of urban scales. Alderman Solis, Mr. Gleason and Mr. Amsden participated in cycling tours where they were able to explore first hand state-of-the art cycling facilities and meet with Dutch experts on the implementation of bicycling policy in the Netherlands; and

WHEREAS, In the Netherlands cycling is a popular mode of transportation for men and women of all ages. Nationally, 27% of all trips taken in the Netherlands are by bike, with some cities reaching a mode share of 50%. The City of Chicago is committed to providing safe bikeways that encourage citizens to utilize cycling as a safe and efficient mode of transportation now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of City Council, assembled this thirty first day of October, 2011, do hereby call upon Alderman Daniel Solis, Mike Amsden and David Gleason to appear before the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety to discuss and share their experiences investigating cycling facilities and cycling policy throughout the Netherlands and share their recommendations for replicating similar policies throughout Chicago.



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