



Office of the Chicago City  
Clerk



R2012-534

Office of the City Clerk

City Council Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 5/9/2012

**Sponsor(s):** Reboyas, Ariel (30)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Resolution urging Chicago Public Schools to explore feasibility of entering into joint use agreements with community groups

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, In 2010, one in every three Americans was obese, and it is estimated that this figure will rise to fifty percent by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the past few decades, obesity rates have soared for all age groups, doubling among preschoolers and more than quadrupling among children ages six to eleven; and

**WHEREAS**, Children and adults who are overweight and obese are at a greater risk of adverse health effects, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, certain cancers, asthma and other debilitating diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, To counter the rising rates of obesity and related diseases, Americans are urged to eat healthier foods and lead more active lives, including participating in more recreational and physical activities; and

**WHEREAS**, In recent years, Joint Use Agreements between school districts and community groups have provided access to and use of existing school recreational facilities by non-school district entities and such "joint use" has emerged as one of the most promising strategies for building more opportunities for physical and recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, There is a growing consensus among public agencies and community organizations that the joint use of the existing recreational facilities and related programs can improve public health, preserve public funds, and is an economical use of public resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Nationally recognized authorities, including the White House Task Force on Childhood Obesity, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Institute of Medicine, have recommended the joint use of school facilities as a strategy to increase opportunities for physical and recreational activities in underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago Public Schools (CPS) has schools with recreational facilities located throughout the City that can be used to promote increased physical and recreational activities for children and community residents; and

**WHEREAS**, The joint use of the CPS recreational facilities is a means of enhancing and increasing access to facilities and related programs with the ultimate goal of improving the health of community residents; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this ninth day of May, 2012, do hereby urge the Chicago Public Schools to explore the feasibility of entering into joint use agreements with community groups to increase the opportunities for physical and recreational activities for the community residents and children; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That, as a sign of our concern regarding this important issue, a copy of this resolution be sent to Jean-Claude Brizard, CEO of the Chicago Public Schools.



---

Alderman Ariel Reboyras  
30<sup>th</sup> Ward