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Congratulations extended to Park Supervisor Maureen

Belling on retirement from Chicago Park District

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, Maureen Belling

WHEREAS, Maureen Belling has worked as a park supervisor for the Chicago Park district since 1999.

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Maureen Belling served as the supervisor of Adams Park, Privet Park, Clybourn Park, and Pocket Park #535 (Wisconsin Pocket Park), all located within the RANCH Triangle neighborhood in the 43rd Ward.

WHEREAS, Maureen Belling worked with the community, the Park District, and the Alderman on numerous renovations and upgrades for her parks.

WHEREAS, under her supervision, Adams Park underwent a full renovation in 2006. In 2018, she worked with the community to successfully raise over 20,000 dollars for the renovation of the Adams Park water feature.

WHEREAS, in 2016, Maureen Belling played a big role in the renovation of the basketball court at the historic Clybourn Park.

WHEREAS, Maureen Belling administered a summer camp and offered numerous preschool classes to educate children in the neighborhood. Classes ranged from Moms, Pops, and Tots, Circus Arts, Kiddie College and Junior Detectives, to the little artist's playground.

WHEREAS, Maureen Belling has been invaluable in teaching numerous staff members at the Park District how best to educate children.

WHEREAS, Maureen Belling has left a lasting imprint on many former students and campers who return as camp counselors, and some who followed in her footsteps to work as Chicago Park District employees.

WHEREAS, Maureen Belling has gone above and beyond to influence generations of Chicago youth with her Early Childhood Education experience.

WHEREAS, Maureen Belling has touched the lives and imaginations of countless families in Chicago with her year-round programming.

WHEREAS, the Chicago Park District will miss her Library, her knowledge, her love and empathy as she begins the next stage of her life. We wish her and her two daughters, Kate and Meghan, and her husband Kenneth the best in all their future endeavors.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Alderman Michele Smith, and we, The City Council of the City of Chicago, proclaim this Resolution in honor of Maureen Belling, who after 30 years of service to the Chicago Park District is retiring and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Ms. Maureen Belling as a sign of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

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