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Title:	Call for Chicago Department of Transportation to formally recognize Division Street streetscape during review of public way permits
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Transportation and Public Way

Resolution

A resolution to formally recognize the Division Street streetscape during review of public way permits.

WHEREAS, Mayor Richard M. Daley implemented numerous beautification programs during his tenure; and,

WHEREAS, Chicago hosted the Democratic National Convention in 1996; and,

WHEREAS, *The New York Times* recognized that Mayor Daley implemented specific beautification strategies to prepare for the 1996 Democratic National Convention (<https://www.nytimes.com/2006/05/17/business/businessspecial2/17chicago.html>); and,

WHEREAS, local residents and neighborhood groups recognize the streetscape along Division Street, between East Village, Ukrainian Village, and Wicker Park neighborhoods within the West Town Community Area, as a cohesive streetscape planted in preparation for the 1996 Democratic National Convention; and,

WHEREAS, the trees planted along Division Street, from Ashland Avenue to Damen Avenue, present a consistent and visually appealing streetscape; and,


WHEREAS, maintaining trees along the public way benefits neighbors, businesses, and tourists in Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, the Chicago Department of Transportation issued *Sustainable Urban Infrastructure: Policies and Guidelines*, recognizing that “it is through the integration and careful balance of modal hierarchy, ecological services, and placemaking with good planning, design, construction, and maintenance that each individual project adds up to make a great city and provides the greatest environment and social benefits at the least cost and with the best return on investment” (page 13).

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Chicago Department of Transportation shall formally recognize the Division Street streetscape during review of public way permits.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Chicago Department of Transportation shall study the cohesive streetscape along Division Street, especially demonstrated between Ashland Avenue and Damen Avenue, in order to maintain the character of the streetscape throughout permitting processes that use the public way.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Chicago Department of Transportation shall investigate the historical origins of the Division Street streetscape, to determine its eligibility for inclusion within City of Chicago streetscape planning elements.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel La Spata", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel La Spata
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