



WHEREAS, Tom's next position was Director for U.S. Representative Bobby Rush of the First Congressional District, where he established two Field Offices - one at 79<sup>th</sup> & Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, IL and the other in Evergreen Park, IL;

WHEREAS, Tom's next opportunity was Deputy Campaign Manager for Mayor Richard M. Daley, who then hired Tom as Deputy to Valerie Jarrett, who was Commissioner of the City of Chicago Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, Tom then moved to the City's Special Events Department where he was Director;

WHEREAS, when Tom retired from the City of Chicago, he became a Consultant for Businesses;

WHEREAS, Tom has been a member of the Local School Council (LSC) since 1987, where he has served as Chairman since the date of its inception; he also serves on the Governor's Board as an LSC member at the Chicago Military Academy;

WHEREAS, Tom served on the Advisory Board of the Illinois College of Optometry;

WHEREAS, Tom moved from the GAP area and currently resides with his wife, where he is still on a mission to beautify the community;

WHEREAS, Tom is the father of two adult children, two grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Tom is an advocate for Harold Washington Park and has painted the benches and planted flowers in the area of the tennis courts, as he believes the park should be your "front yard;"

WHEREAS, Tom has run in 49 marathons in the United States and Germany;

**NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, do hereby honor the service of TOM GRAY, and extend our sincere congratulations for his service to the community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be presented to TOM GRAY as a sign of our good wishes.

Alderman Leslie A. Hairston 5<sup>th</sup> Ward