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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United Neighborhood Organization (UNO) was established in Chicago to represent the interests of Chicago's Latino population by providing advocacy and promoting social awareness of the challenges that population faces; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 UNO established the UNO Charter Schools Network (UCSN) to provide education directly in Chicago's Latino communities; and

WHEREAS, UCSN currently operate 16 charter schools, serving over 8,000 children; and

WHEREAS, UCSN and UNO have maintained a contractual arrangement whereby UNO owns the school properties, provides management services and receives compensation from the network it founded; and

WHEREAS, that contractual relationship is now questioned by UCSN, which has ceased payments to UNO, thereby threatening its parent organization's ability to perform all of its community services; and

WHEREAS, UNO may be required, for financial reasons, to sell off as many as five of its school properties in order to maintain its financial viability; and

WHEREAS, the separation of UNO from UCSN could lead to closing of some UCSN schools, thereby disrupting the education of children currently enrolled through dislocation, the time and cost of travel, and the uncertainty of moving into a new school; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Latino population of the City of Chicago that UNO and UCSN maintain their current management structure and relationship; now, therefore,
Ray Suarez
Alderman, 31st Ward

Ray Colon
Alderman, 35th Ward

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, call on the Chicago Board of Education to maintain the current management structure of the UNO Charter Schools Network, and we call on UNO and UCSN to collaborate for the benefit of the children, families and communities served by the UCSN; and