

WHEREAS, Ramon Ocasio and Norma Ramirez have lived in Avondale since 2001, a total of 24 years; and

WHEREAS, During that time, they have played an integral community leadership role, working to improve their neighborhood through involvement in United Neighbors of the 35th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Ocasio and Norma Ramirez have been animated by the idea that the community shall maintain the power to determine the destiny of the community and that society should be organized around human priorities and needs, of the kind that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. imagined in his notion of a beloved society; and

WHEREAS, February 2025 marks ten years since Carlos Ramirez-Rosa was elected Alderperson of Chicago's 35th Ward; and

WHEREAS, During Alderperson Ramirez-Rosa's decade-long tenure, Ramon Ocasio and Norma Ramirez have worked closely with the alderperson and the 35th Ward Office on important community projects; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Ocasio and Norma Ramirez, through community-based campaigns, have worked to elect multiple officials with a bold vision for a just society, a society free from xenophobia, homophobia, misogyny, bigotry, white supremacy, and hate, including the first African American Mayor of the City of Chicago, Harold Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council regularly recognizes individuals for their civic leadership, volunteerism, and community contributions; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Ocasio and Norma Ramirez through their actions have proven themselves to be individuals worthy of such recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chicago City Council of the City of Chicago, on behalf of all Chicagoans, extends our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Ramon Ocasio and Norma Ramirez for their outstanding contributions to the City of Chicago, and express our admiration for their leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to making our city a better place for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ramon Ocasio and Norma Ramirez as a symbol of the City's appreciation and recognition.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos Ramirez-Rosa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Rosa" being particularly prominent.

Carlos Ramirez-Rosa
Alderman, 35th Ward