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## Honduras Lucha Contra EL Tráfico Humano



Dado que Honduras es una de las principales rutas de la tráfico humano en Centroamérica, el gobierno hondureño está utilizando todos los medios posibles para evitar que esto empeore. La organización hondureña contra el tráfico humano CICESCT (Comisión Inter-institucional contra la Explotación Sexual Comercial y el tráfico humano en Honduras), cuenta con operadores telefónicos trabajando las 24 horas del día, personal de la CICESCT repartiendo volantes en las calles e investigadores rastreando a posibles víctimas de tráfico. Además, el personal de la CICESCT viaja en aviones en busca de posibles víctimas de tráfico humano y trabaja en coordinación con agencias de las Naciones Unidas para prevenir el tráfico humano en Honduras.

## La Ciudad Selecciona a Anthony Joel Quezada para la Vacante de Concejal del Distrito 35

Por Ashmar Mandou

La Ciudad de Chicago ha seleccionado al Comisionado del 8° Distrito del Condado de Cook, Anthony Joel Quezada para llenar la vacante de concejal del Distrito 35. El Alcalde Brandon Johnson hizo el nombramiento tras un fuerte proceso de participación comunitaria conducido por el Comité Cívico del Distrito 35, que recomendó a Quezada al Alcalde. “El Distrito 35 merece en este momento un campeón progresivo con un probado récord de liderazgo”, dijo el Alcalde Johnson. “Anthony es un residente de Chicago de toda una vida, que encarna los valores del Distrito 35 y no dudo que será un tremendo defensor para

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# The Editor's Desk



City of Chicago announced the selection for the 35<sup>th</sup> Ward Aldermanic vacancy after a lengthy selection process. 8<sup>th</sup> District Cook County Commissioner Anthony Joel Quezada will take on that position, bringing his experience in community organizing and budgeting to the forefront. Raised in the Logan Square neighborhood, Quezada is ready to bring opportunities to the 35<sup>th</sup> Ward. For the full story, check out this week's edition where you will also learn of two affordable housing projects coming to Chicago. You can find additional news on [www.lawndalenews.com](http://www.lawndalenews.com)

*La Ciudad de Chicago anunció la selección para la vacante de concejal del Distrito 35 tras un largo proceso de selección. El comisionado del Condado de Cook, del Distrito 8, Anthony Joel Quezada, asumirá el cargo, aportando su experiencia en organización comunitaria y elaboración de presupuestos. Criado en el barrio de Logan Square, Quezada está listo para brindar oportunidades al Distrito 35. Para la noticia completa, consulte la edición de esta semana, donde también se enterará de dos proyectos de vivienda asequible que se instalarán en Chicago. Puede más noticias, visite [www.lawndalenews.com](http://www.lawndalenews.com)*

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## Anthony Joel Quezada... *Viene de la página 1*

su comunidad. Quiero agradecer al Comité Cívico del Distrito 35 por su recomendación y a todos los candidatos que respondieron al llamado poniendo sus nombres al servicio”.

Quezada fue criado en Chicago en el Sector noroeste de Logan Square. Ha servido a su comunidad en varias capacidades en la última década, incluyendo su servicio como director de servicios constituyentes para la oficina de concejales del Distrito 35, como organizador comunitario y en el Comité Democrático del Distrito 35. “Me siento honrado de recibir este nombramiento para representar a la gente del Distrito 35 como su próximo concejal”, dijo Anthony Joel Quezada. Nuestros vecindarios merecen un liderazgo fuerte y con principios y estoy listo para continuar construyendo un distrito y una ciudad que hagan una prioridad a las familias trabajadoras, fortalezca los servicios públicos y empodere a nuestros vecinos.

Como Comisionado del Distrito 8 del Condado de Cook, Quezada ha apoyado a un número de iniciativas legislativas y presupuestarias para mejorar la vida de los residentes del Condado de Cook, incluyendo la aprobación de la Ordenanza de Licencia Remunerada del Condado de Cook,

garantizando \$1.5 millones en fondos de la Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (ARPA) para mejoras de infraestructura en la avenida Fullerton, ampliando los servicios de salud dental en todo el Condado de Cook y luchando por los derechos de los inmigrantes, los derechos de los trabajadores y justicia para los contribuyentes del Condado de Cook.

Quezada sirvió en 16 comités y fue Vicepresidente del Comité sobre el Trabajo, el Comité de Cumplimiento de Contratos. Como comisionado en la Junta de Comisionados para las Reservas Forestales del Condado de Cook, ha sido fuerte defensor de las protecciones ambientales, la expansión de energía



renovable y el aumento del acceso comunitario al sistema de Reservas Forestales, el Jardín Botánico de Chicago y el Zoológico Brookfield de Chicago.

La selección de Quezada fue hecha después de un largo proceso por el Alcalde Johnson y un proceso de compromiso comunitario conducido por el Comité Cívico del Distrito 35. El Comité consistía en cuatro líderes seleccionados por su experiencia, liderazgo en defensa comunitaria, servicio público y profundas raíces con el

distrito. La Concejal del Distrito 8, Michelle Harris fungió como directora del Comité. Los miembros del Comité incluyen a: La Concejal Michelle Harris, Distrito 8, Miembro ex officio; Juliet De Jesús Alejandre, Director Ejecutivo, Palenque LSNA; Marcela Reales Visbal, Directora Asistente, Center for Latino Research, DePaul University; Christian Díaz, Directora de Equitable Community Development, Palenque LSNA; y Stephen Andrew Schneider, Presidente, Logan Square Preservation.


## Berwyn Police Department Recognizes Distracted Driving Awareness Month

The Berwyn Police Department announced it is collaborating with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies to step up enforcement efforts across the state in recognition of Distracted Driving Awareness Month. “Distracted driving is dangerous, claiming 58 lives in Illinois in 2023. We need everyone’s support in making our




roads safer, which includes staying focused behind the


wheel,” said Chief Michael D. Cimaglia. “We’re excited to support IDOT’s efforts in educating all road users about the importance of putting your phone away, setting your navigation before your trip begins and driving distraction-free.” In Illinois, using your phone in anything other than hands-free mode is not only dangerous, but also illegal. Put the phone away or pay. The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT.



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# City Selects Anthony Joel Quezada for 35<sup>th</sup> Ward Aldermanic Vacancy

By: Ashmar Mandou

The City of Chicago has selected 8th District Cook County Commissioner Anthony Joel Quezada to fill the 35th Ward aldermanic vacancy. Mayor Brandon Johnson made the appointment after a robust community engagement process led by the 35th Ward Civic Committee, which recommended Quezada to the Mayor. “The 35th Ward deserves a progressive champion with a proven track record to lead in this moment,” said Mayor Johnson. “Anthony is a lifelong Chicagoan who embodies the values of the 35th Ward, and I have no doubt that he will be a tremendous advocate for his community. I want to thank the 35th Ward Civic Committee for their recommendation and all of the candidates

who answered the call by putting their names forward to serve.”

Quezada was raised in Chicago, on the northwest side of Logan Square. He has served his community in various capacities for the past decade, including serving as the constituent service director for 35th Ward aldermanic office, as a community organizer, and as the 35th Ward Democratic Committeeman. “I am honored to receive this appointment to represent the people of the 35th Ward as our next alderman,” said Anthony Joel Quezada. “Our neighborhoods deserve bold, principled leadership, and I am ready to continue building a ward and city that prioritizes working families, strengthens public services, and empowers our neighbors.”

As the 8th District Cook

County Commissioner, Quezada has supported a number of legislative and budgetary initiatives to improve the lives of Cook County residents, including the passing of Cook County’s Paid Leave Ordinance, securing \$1.5M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for infrastructure improvements on Fullerton Avenue, expanding dental health services across Cook County Health, and fighting for immigrants’ rights, workers’ rights, and fairness for Cook County taxpayers.

Quezada served on 16 committees and was the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Labor and the Committee on Contract Compliance. As a commissioner on the Board of Commissioners for the Forest Preserves of Cook County, he has been a strong advocate for



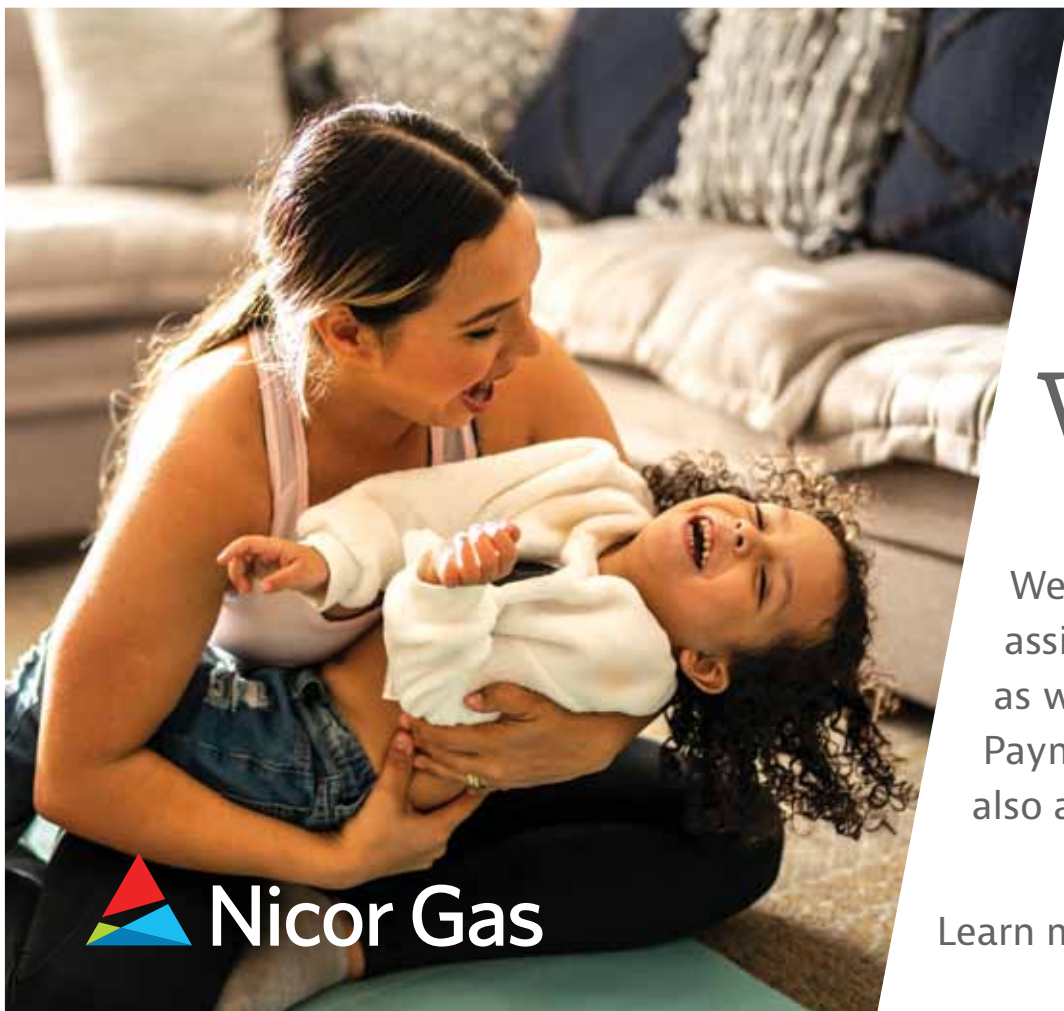
environmental protections, renewable energy expansion, and increasing community access to the Forest Preserve system, the Chicago Botanic Garden, and Brookfield Zoo Chicago.

Quezada’s selection was made after a lengthy process by Mayor Johnson and a community engagement process led by the 35th Ward Civic Committee.

The Committee consisted of four leaders selected for their expertise, leadership in community advocacy, public service, and their deep ties to the ward. 8th Ward Alderwoman Michelle Harris served as the chair of the Committee. Committee members included: Alderwoman Michelle Harris, 8th Ward, Ex Officio Member; Juliet De Jesus Alejandre,

Executive Director, Palenque LSNA; Marcela Reales Visbal, Assistant Director, Center for Latino Research, DePaul University; Christian Diaz,

Director of Equitable Community Development, Palenque LSNA; and Stephen Andrew Schneider, President, Logan Square Preservation.



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# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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This year's theme, Powered by Hope, Strengthened by Prevention, is a call to action to commit to a future where every child grows up safe, loved and full of hope. All Illinoisans can get involved and show their commitment to ending child abuse by wearing blue on April 4, posting pictures on social media, tagging Illinois DCFS in their posts and using the hashtags #GreatChildhoods and #GoBlueIllinois. The exhibit will feature artwork

created by children who are currently in care or have been in care, students, local artists and individuals who care about children. For a full calendar of Child Abuse Prevention Month awareness activities occurring statewide throughout the month of April visit the DCFS website. To report suspected child abuse or neglect, visit the DCFS Online Reporting System at <https://childabuse.illinois.gov> or call the DCFS Child



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## Cook County to Youth on April Fool's Day: Don't be fooled by Big Tobacco



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Cook County Department of Public Health used April Fools' Day to encourage young people in suburban Cook County to not be fooled by the lure of e-cigarettes, flavored vape and other tobacco products. The campaign encourages young people to make healthier lifestyle choices. The Unfriend Tobacco campaign is in market for 11 weeks until June 8 and features a 15-second video short that is displayed on TikTok, Snapchat and YouTube. Organizations that wish to share the Unfriend Tobacco campaign with their communities and audiences can access Cook County Department of Public Health's new social media toolkit. Learn more about the campaign at [UnfriendTobacco.com](http://UnfriendTobacco.com).

# Abril es el Mes de Prevención de Abuso Infantil

Unase al Departamento de Servicios Infantiles y Familiares de Illinois (DCFS), Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, Hospital Sisters Health System, Poshard Foundation for Abused Children, funcionarios electos, partes interesadas en el bienestar infantil y más, en una celebración de un mes de duración para compartir mensajes de concientización sobre la prevención del abuso y la negligencia infantil y promover esfuerzos de prevención durante la Prevención del Abuso Infantil, en abril. El tema de este año, *Powered by Hope, Strengthened by Prevention*, [Empoderados por la Esperanza, Fortalecidos por la Prevención] es una llamada a la acción a comprometerse a un futuro donde cada niño crezca a salvo, amado y lleno de esperanza. Todos los residentes de



Illinois pueden participar y mostrar su compromiso para terminar con el abuso infantil vistiendo de azul el 4 de abril, poniendo fotografías en los medios sociales, etiquetando a Illinois DCFS en sus publicaciones y usando el hashtags #GreatChildhoods y #GoBlueIllinois. La exhibición mostrará obras de arte creadas por niños que actualmente cuidan o han estado a su cuidado, estudiantes, artistas locales y personas a quienes importan los niños. Para un calendario completo de actividades

de concientización del Mes de Prevención del Abuso Infantil a nivel estatal durante el mes de abril, visite la red de DCFS. Para reportar sospechas de negligencia o abuso infantil, visite el Sistema de Reportes En línea de DCFS en <https://childabuse.illinois.gov> o llame a la Línea Directa de Negligencia y Abuso Infantil de DCFS al 1-800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873). Las llamadas y reportes en línea las puede hacer 24 horas al día, siete días a la semana.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Mayor and City Council of the **CITY OF BERWYN**, Cook County, Illinois, that sealed bids will be received for the following improvement:

**PY 2024 CDBG ROADWAY & SEWER REPLACEMENT  
HUD ACTIVITY NOS. 770, 771**

The proposed improvement consists of HMA surface removal; curb and gutter removal & replacement; alley pavement removal & replacement; sidewalk removal & replacement; driveway pavement removal & replacement; structure adjustments & replacement; combined sewer replacement; HMA surface course replacement; pavement markings; topsoil & sod; parkway restoration; and all appurtenant construction on Wenonah Avenue – Pershing Road to Ogden Avenue; Home Avenue – Pershing road to Ogden Avenue; Home Avenue – Pershing Road to Ogden Avenue; Clinton Avenue – Pershing Road to 37th Street; Kenilworth Avenue – 37th Street to Ogden Avenue; 37th Street – Home Avenue to Clinton Avenue; 38th Street – Clinton Avenue to Kenilworth Avenue.

Said bids will be received up to the hour of **10:00 a.m.** on the **16th day of April, 2025**, at the office of the **City Clerk**, in the **City of Berwyn, 6700 W. 26th Street, Berwyn, IL 60402**, and will be publicly opened and read at that time.

Plans and proposal forms will be available for download only from QuestCDN via the Novotny Engineering website, <http://novotnyengineering.com>, "Bidding" tab, for a non-refundable charge of \$40.00. Please contact Novotny Engineering (630-887-8640) to obtain the QuestCDN password. The Engineer has been authorized to refuse to issue Specifications and Proposals to any person, firm, or corporation that he or she considers to be unqualified. Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided. No Proposals will be issued to Bidders after **12:00 Noon** on the **15th day of April, 2025**. All proposals or bids offered must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, Cash, or Certified Check made payable to the **City of Berwyn** in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Proposal as a guarantee that if the Proposal is accepted, a Contract will be entered into and the performance of the Contract is properly secured.

No bid shall be withdrawn after the opening of the proposals without the consent of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Berwyn for a period of forty-five **(45) days** after the scheduled time of closing bids. The bidder is specifically advised that the City is a recipient of a grant made pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended. Further, in compliance with the Stevens Amendment to the Department of Defense Appropriation Act of 1989, the estimated percentage of the total cost of this project to be funded with federal dollars is **one hundred percent (100%)** and the exact dollar amount of federal funds which will be set aside for this project will be based on the Contract amount awarded under this offering.

All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or Subcontractor(s) on construction work for this project shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act as amended (40 U.S.C. 76-276a-5), and shall receive overtime compensation in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333) and the Contractor and Subcontractor(s) shall comply with all regulations issued pursuant to these Acts and other applicable Federal laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards. The Secretary of Labor has, with respect to the labor standards specified in this Section, the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Number 14 of 1950 (5 U.S.C. 113z-15) and Section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276c).

All Contracts and Subgrantees for construction or repair shall include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback Act" (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR, Part 3).

Each Bidder is required to comply with Equal Employment Opportunity for Community Development Block Grants, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk and is available for inspection.

Compliance with "Section 3", which calls for affirmative action by the Contractor to train and hire lower income residents of the project area and to subcontract with local small businesses, is required on this project.

An explanation of the applicable federal requirements previously mentioned is provided in the Special Provisions of the Bid Specifications.

The successful Bidder for the construction of the improvement will be required to file a Performance Bond equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid, with sureties to be approved by the Mayor and City Council, which Performance Bond shall be conditioned upon proper and faithful performance by the Contractor of the work specified in accordance with the Plans and Specification therefore, according to the time and terms and conditions of the Contract; and also that the Bidder and Contractor shall properly pay all debts incurred by the Contractor in the execution of the work, including those for labor and materials furnished.

The Contractor shall be required to furnish sufficient insurance or guaranty of indemnity to the City of Berwyn, Illinois, and the County of Cook, Illinois, against any and all claims which might arise for damages to persons or property due to the negligence of the Contractor or Subcontractor(s), or their officers, agents, employees or servants, during the construction of said improvement and until the said improvement has been finally accepted as complete by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Berwyn.

**Bidders must be registered and active with SAM.gov prior to the bid date.** The right to reject any and all Proposals or Bids is reserved.

Dated at Berwyn, Illinois, this 27th day of March, 2025.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BERWYN**

**By: Robert J. Lovero (s)**  
Mayor

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**By: Margaret M. Paul (s)**  
City Clerk

## Chicago Partners Set to Break Ground on The Ave., Affordable Housing Unit

Nonprofit Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) and its partner, KMW Communities LLC, have closed on financing for The Ave., a 52-unit mixed-use affordable housing development in Chicago's northwest side Humboldt Park neighborhood. In addition to POAH and KMW, the development includes Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Chicago, a long-standing

Community Development Financing Institution focused on affordable homeownership. NHS will operate a West Side homeownership center on the property's first floor. The four-story development will include 52 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartments targeting households earning 30-60 percent of the area median income AMI. Resident amenities include indoor

and outdoor community gathering spaces, a bike room, fitness center and onsite parking. The Ave will also create at least 1,000 SF in retail space for local businesses. The transaction is financed with substantial support from the Chicago Department of Housing, which issued tax-exempt bonds, 4 percent low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC) and \$18 million in tax increment financing



proceeds. Construction financing and \$19 million in investor equity – generated by the tax credits – is

provided through Bank of America. A joint venture of Leopardo and Ujamaa Construction is expected to

begin construction in April, with completion likely in fall 2026.

## Chicago Partners se Prepara para Iniciar la Construcción de The Ave., Unidad de Vivienda Asequible

Nonprofit Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) y su afiliado, KMW Communities LLC, han cerrado el financiamiento para The Ave., desarrollo de

vivienda asequible de uso mixto de 52 unidades en el vecindario Humboldt Park del noroeste de Chicago. Además de POAH y KMW, la urbanización incluye Neighborhood

Housing Services (NHS) de Chicago, Institución Financiera de Urbanización Comunitaria enfocada en propiedad de casas asequibles. NHS operará

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## Ford, Higher Education Leaders Sound Alarm on Federal Funding Cuts

State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, joined representatives from state universities and higher education organizations Monday to oppose potential federal cuts and reaffirm the state's commitment to creating diverse opportunities across higher education.

Ford, who serves as the House Appropriations-Higher Education Committee Chair, led the press conference this Monday at the State of Illinois building located at 555 W. Monroe St. in Chicago. "Decisions made in Washington will play a significant role in creating

or preventing opportunity for our students for years to come," Ford said. "Federal cuts to higher education will make college less affordable for Illinois families, impact local economies and further strain state support. That's why we're standing

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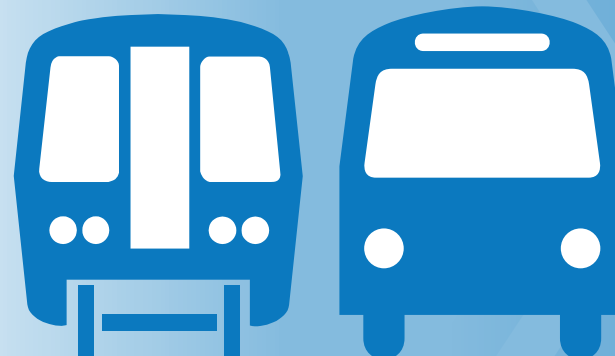
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## Boleros de Noche Makes Chicago Debut at Symphony Center

The acclaimed music series Boleros de Noche is set to make its long-awaited debut in Chicago, bringing the soul-stirring sounds of bolero to Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave., on April 12, 2025. This one-night-only event promises a mesmerizing journey through Latin America's most passionate and poetic genre, featuring Puerto Rico's Trio Remembranza and Los Angeles' own Tres Souls. From the heart of Quebradillas, Puerto Rico, Trio Remembranza is known for its evocative melodies that transport audiences to golden memories of love and

longing. Founded in 2015 by Gabriel "Gaby" Rodríguez Ortiz, the trio blends lush harmonies and exquisite guitar work to create a truly timeless sound. Their upcoming album—featuring the already beloved single "Amorosa Guajira"—is a testament to the enduring power of bolero music. Joining them is Tres Souls, a Los Angeles-based trio breathing new life into the golden age of bolero. With their signature blend of nostalgia and innovation, Roberto Carlos, Jesús Martínez, and Rocio Mendoza channel the romance of 1940s–1960s Mexican trio romántico

music while infusing it with fresh, bilingual interpretations. For

tickets, <https://cso.org/performances/24-25/scp-featured-concerts/boleros-de-noche/>

**Photo Credit: Boleros de Noche**



## Bolero de Noche Debuta en Chicago en Symphony Center

La aclamada serie musical Boleros de Noche está programada para hacer su debut en Chicago, llevando los conmovedores sonidos del bolero al Symphony Center, 220

S. Michigan Ave., el 12 de abril de 2025. Este evento, de solo una noche, promete un fascinante viaje a través de los más apasionados y poéticos géneros de Latinoamérica, con el Trio Remembranza de Puerto Rico y el Trio Tres Souls de Los Angeles. Desde el corazón de Quebradillas, Puerto Rico, el Trio Remembranza es conocido por sus evocativas melodías que transportan a la audiencias a dorados recuerdos de

amor y nostalgia. Fundada en el 2015 por Gargiel "Gaby" Rodríguez Ortiz, el trío combina armonías exuberantes y un exquisito trabajo de guitarra para crear un sonido verdaderamente atemporal. Su próximo álbum - con el ya aclamado sencillo "Amorosa Guajira", es un testimonio del poder perdurable de la música bolero. Junto a ellos está Trio Tres Souls, un trío de Los Angeles que inyecta nueva vida a la edad de

oro del bolero. Con su característica mezcla de nostalgia e innovación, Roberto Carlos, Jesús Martínez y Rocio Mendoza canalizan el romance de la música romántica mexicana de los años 1940 a 1960 al mismo

tiempo que la infunden con frescas interpretaciones bilingües. Para boletos, visite <https://cso.org/performances/24-25/scp-featured-concerts/boleros-de-noche/>



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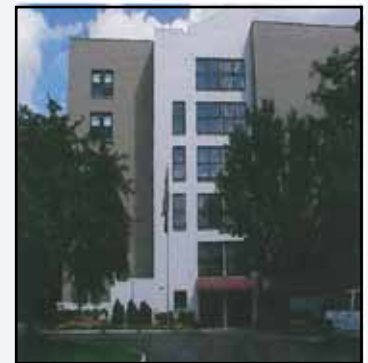


**Where do your Tax Dollars go?**  
View taxing district  
debt attributed to  
your property.

## THE OAKS



Apartment living with congregate services  
114 South Humphrey  
Oak Park, IL, 60302



This property with its architecturally award winning atrium provides seniors and disabled individuals with parking, library, laundry room, Wellness Center and other conveniences.

A service coordinator is on staff to assist tenants who may need additional services. The units are studio and one bedroom, each with electric appliances, tile bath, and wall to wall carpeting. Modern fire and safety systems are installed in each apartment and common areas of the building. There are also 8 accessible one bedroom units for the mobility impaired. The Oaks is owned and operated by The Oak Park Residence Corporation and is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development through the 202/section 8 Program. Residents pay approximately 30% of their monthly income for rent. For additional information please visit our website at [www.oakparkha.org](http://www.oakparkha.org) or contact us at 708-386-5812.





## Choose your own opera adventure at Explore *Your Lyric!*

Once a year, the doors of the Lyric Opera House swing wide open for a behind-the-scenes experience like no other. On Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., audiences of all ages can step into the world of opera at *Explore Your Lyric*, an immersive, hands-on event where visitors choose their own adventure by navigating through a host of special opportunities and performances. Ever wanted to stand on Lyric's grand stage? Peek into the orchestra pit? Try your hand at stage combat or design? This is your chance! Guests can move through the Opera House at their own pace, diving into the artistry that brings productions to life.



From costume displays to makeup artistry, live music to movement workshops, DJ sets to magical illusions, this interactive event puts

visitors at the center of the action. Tickets for *Explore Your Lyric* are available now. Don't miss this once-a-year chance to go beyond

the footlights by stepping into the magic of opera. For more information and to reserve tickets, visit [lyricopera.org/explorelyric](http://lyricopera.org/explorelyric).

## Paramount's Circus-Themed Revival of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Cats* Promises to be a Jellicle Spectacle

Step right up! The Jellicle Ball is about to begin under the big top when Paramount Theatre presents a stunning, circus-themed revival of *Cats*, music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, directed by Trent Stork, April 30-June 15, 2025. Just picture Grizabella and her feline friends flying through the air with the greatest of ease. You may know all of the words to *Cats*, but you've never seen this *Cats* before, a new production intent on showcasing the amazing acrobatics and athletic grace of true felines. Paramount isn't kitten around, casting its new take on *Cats* with a contortionist, jugglers, aerialists, tumblers, acrobats and other talented circus performers guaranteed to bring all new layers and energy to Lloyd Webber's fantastical journey into the clandestine world of cats. *Cats* fans better pounce on these tickets, because they're



just \$28-\$85, a fraction of the cost to see live theater in downtown Chicago. Performances run through June 15: Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Thursday

at 7 p.m.; Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Exception: No matinee Wednesday, April 30.) For tickets, visit

[ParamountAurora.com](http://ParamountAurora.com), call (630) 896-6666, or stop by the Paramount box office Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and until

show time on show days. For group discounts, contact Melissa Striedl, [melissas@paramountarts.com](mailto:melissas@paramountarts.com) or (630) 723-2461.

## Ford, Higher Education Leaders....

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together to encourage greater stability and support for higher learning." Ford was joined by Chicago State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University,

of Illinois-Chicago, Illinois Math and Science Academy, Partnership for College Completion, Women Employed, Young Invincibles, Illinois Federation of Teachers, and Latino Policy Forum

to name a few. "Students of every background and in every community deserve the opportunity to pursue the future they want," Ford said. "There's too much at stake for us to sit on the sidelines."

### REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

TH MSR Holdings LLC

Plaintiff,

-v-

Anita Buford  
Defendants,  
2024CH05898  
728 N SPAULDING AVE,  
CHICAGO, IL 60624

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 2/7/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the auction in person at 12:00 PM on 5/14/2025 located at 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60606, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 728 N SPAULDING AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60624

Property Index No. 16-11-205-030-0000. The real estate is improved with a Residential Property.

The judgment amount was \$173,185.23

Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com, LLC. No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-24-03479.

Auction.com, LLC  
100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606 - 872-225-4985

You can also visit [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com).

Attorney File No. 14-24-03479

Case Number: 2024CH05898

NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

### HOUSES FOR SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.

Plaintiff,

-v-

KATIE Y. CLAY, NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF CHICAGO, INC.

Defendants

2024 CH 07110

312 N FRANCISCO AVE

CHICAGO, IL 60612

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 5, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 7, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 312 N FRANCISCO AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60612

Property Index No. 16-12-306-043-0000. The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE  
You can also visit [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100  
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527  
630-794-5300

E-Mail: [pleadings@il.cslegal.com](mailto:pleadings@il.cslegal.com)

Attorney File No. 14-24-04659

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Attorney Code. 21762

Case Number: 2024 CH 07110

TJSC#: 45-478

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2024 CH 07110 13263838

**IMPORT AND EXPORT RAMIREZ**

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Blender Parts

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Chicago, IL.

**TEL: 773-990-0789 /**  
**TEL: 773-209-3700**

**¡ANUNCIASE AQUI!**  
**708-656-6400**



**2 HOUSES FOR SALE**

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**LEGAL NOTICE**



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IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO BUY OR SELL YOUR PROPERTY. CALL BETTY 773-617-9691

**6 UNIDADES NECESITAN REMODELACION**

Si esta planeando comprar o vender su propiedad.

**Call Betty at 773-617-9691**

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**\$310,000**

**QUITO-ECUADOR**

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Looking for self motivated, detail oriented. Knowledge in Windows and other Computer Applications, with Excellent Communication Skills & Multi-Tasker.

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**Send resume to: Beth Cadwalader**

5657 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Chicago Illinois 60646

Email:beth.cadwalader.cjf0@statefarm.com

**or Call: (773) 631-1460**

Ask for Paula

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was registered by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. Registration Number: M25000320 on March 19, 2025

Under the Assumed Business Name of **RECOVERY SERVICE SPECIALISTS**

with the business located at: 5114 W. 23 PLACE, CICERO, IL 60804

The true and real full name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) partner(s) is:

Owner/Partner Full Name **SUSAN PUZEK**  
Complete Address 5114 W. 23 PLACE  
CICERO, IL 60804, USA

**24 APT. FOR RENT**

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**2 APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

1 bedroom & 2 bedroom apartment \$890 & \$990. Carpeted, heating included, laundry facilities an storage shed in basement. Parking in the rear.

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1 recámara y de 2 recámaras \$890 y \$990 Alfombrado, calefacción incluida, lavandería y cobertizo

de almacenaje en el sótano.

Estacionamiento en la parte de atras.

**CALL ALBERTO 708-439-9253**

**53 HELP WANTED**

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**CLASIFICADOS/ CLASSIFIEDS 708-656-6400**

**ADVERTISE HERE! 708-656-6400**

**SEWER/SEAMSTRESS**

**Furniture manufacturer looking for an EXPERIENCE SEWER/SEAMSTRESS**

Sewing will be done one mid to heavy weight fabrics and leather • Items to be sewed are pillows, cushions, cover and misc. • Single stitch, double stitch and zipper machines. • Industrial machines • Must be a self starter. •Full time position with benefits • Compensation based on skill level.

**APPLY**

**jobs@InteriorCraftsInc.com 773-376-8160 ext. 424**

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**•SE DESTAPAN TINAS, LAVAMOS • Y SEWER LINES**

**Cicero, Berwyn, Chicago y Suburbios**

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**773-406-4670**

**HIRING NOW**

Busy Granite Company in Alsip is looking for experienced only granite installers and polishers. 40 plus hours per week.

**Call 708-389-5088 ask for Bryan.**

Compañia con mucho trabajo de granito esta en busca de instaladores y pulidores de granito con experiencia. 40 horas o más por semana. Llame al

**708-389-5088 pregunte por Bryan.**

**NOTICE  
INVITATION TO BID TO**

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO**

Sealed proposals, endorsed as above, will be submitted back to the District via an electronic upload to the Bonfire Portal only, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. (Chicago time), on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly as described in the Invitation to Bid by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or designee at 11:00 AM on the stated bid opening date below for:

**CONTRACT 22-377-2D**

**RAW SEWAGE DISCHARGE PIPE SUPPORT MODIFICATIONS FOR PUMPS 1-3, KWRP**

Estimated Cost: Between \$5,168,000.00 and \$6,256,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$250,240.00

Voluntary Technical Pre-Bid Conference: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 11:00 am Chicago

Time via ZOOM Link.

Voluntary Pre-Bid Walk-Through will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Chicago Time at the Kirie WRP, 701 West Oakton Street, Des Plaines, IL 60018.

**Bid Opening: May 13, 2025**

Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix C, Appendix V, Appendix K, and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement are required on this Contract.

**CONTRACT 24-279-5F**

**SURBURBAN GREEN SCHOOLYARD PILOT PROJECT 1 IN BURNHAM**

Estimated Cost: Between \$1,805,000.00 and \$2,185,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$86,250.00

Voluntary Technical Pre-Bid Conference: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 10:00 am Chicago Time via ZOOM Link.

**Bid Opening: May 6, 2025**

Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix V, Appendix C and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement are required on this Contract.

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The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice- Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.org); the path is as follows: Doing Business → Procurement and Materials Management → Contract Announcements.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement and Materials Management by downloading online from the District's website at [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.org) (Doing Business → Procurement & Materials Management → Contract Announcements). No fee is required for the Contract Documents. Any questions regarding the downloading of the Contract Document should be directed to the following email: [contractdesk@mwrd.org](mailto:contractdesk@mwrd.org) or call 312-751-6643.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-et.seq.), where it is stated in the Invitation to Bid Page.

**The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.**

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

By Darlene A. LoCascio

Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois

April 2, 2025