

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP15-0607

In Recognition of Karen Avilés upon the Occasion of her Retirement

WHEREAS, Karen Avilés, an Assistant City Attorney for Denver for 28 years, has represented the elected and appointed officials and agencies of Denver including City Council, Public Works, Community Planning & Development, Planning Board, Landmark Preservation Commission and other boards and has served under five Mayors and twelve City Attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Karen has represented the City on issues ranging from defending the city's ban on assault weapons in the Colorado Supreme Court to affordable housing to zoning matters; and

WHEREAS, Karen has been a key member of the City team on legacy projects that now define Denver, including the redevelopments of the Central Platte Valley, Denver Union Station, Stapleton International Airport, and Lowry Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, Karen worked tirelessly and fiercely on the financing and land acquisitions for numerous City-defining infrastructure projects including: expansion of the Colorado Convention Center, the Denver Art Museum, the Clifford Still Museum, the Buell Theater and Ellie Caulkins Opera House, the Denver Justice Center, Denver Cares, the Castro Building and the Central Platte Campus for Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Karen's persistent work, forceful personality, salty language and annoying but ultimately effective chore lists have pushed many City projects successfully across the finish line; and

WHEREAS, Karen plans to continue to lend her voice and brains to the Denver Women's Chorus and carry on her alphabetic world travels - this year doing "D" including Dublin, Donegal, Dunleary and, of course, Denver.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER THAT:

Section 1. The Council hereby recognizes and thanks Karen Avilés for her 28 years of service to the City and wishes her fair travels.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be delivered to Karen Avilés.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 24, 2015

PRESIDENT