


PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 21-0531

In Honor of Stella Madrid upon the occasion of her retirement from Denver Housing Authority.

WHEREAS, Stella Madrid has been a proven leader with 30 years of success in the areas of affordable housing and community development, sustainability, community involvement, resident civic engagement, communications and leadership, and she has retired as Intergovernmental and Community Affairs Officer from the Housing Authority of the City and County of Denver (DHA); and

WHEREAS, Stella has worked on many of DHA's and Denver's housing and community initiatives that provided safe, affordable housing and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Stella led changes including staffing all of DHA's U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOPE VI and HUD Choice community revitalization and transformation efforts — from Quigg Newton Homes (in 1994-95) and Curtis Park Homes (in 1998) to Benedict Park Place (in 2002); and

WHEREAS, Stella helped lead the successful team that was awarded a \$22 million dollar HOPE VI grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, leading to the transformation of the former South Lincoln homes into the award-winning, mixed-income Mariposa District, preserving 250 units of public housing and adding over 300 workforce and market rate units (in 2010); and

WHEREAS, Stella worked on a DHA team that was awarded a \$34 million Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to transform the Sun Valley neighborhood as a Transit Oriented Development, preserving 333 units of public housing and creating over 800 units of workforce and market rate units (in 2016-2017); and

WHEREAS, Stella has been a community and civic leader in the City and County of Denver, serving on numerous community boards; working with Colorado congressional offices and state and local elected officials; and she was active in community campaigns for the Complete Count-U.S. Census and voter registration and outreach; and

WHEREAS, Stella was lead staff for COVID-19 on-site testing and vaccinations to reach DHA's most vulnerable residents, in partnership with Denver Public Health and Environment and the Denver Health Hospitals Authority; and

WHEREAS, Stella's colleagues, DHA residents, the Board of Commissioners and her city friends and associates will miss her compassion, empathy, dedication, tireless work and leadership on behalf of the Denver Housing Authority.

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

Section 1. That Denver City Council hereby recognizes Stella Madrid's years of service to Denver citizens and her professional and personal dedication to the Housing Authority of the City and County of Denver and thanks her on the occasion of her retirement on April 30, 2021.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Stella Madrid.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 3, 2021

PRESIDENT