

Proclamation No. 23-0878 A Proclamation Recognizing Anita Bañuelos' Service to the City of Denver

WHEREAS, City Council aides play an essential role in the legislative process and constituent services work of the Denver City Council, and they work tirelessly to support the members of the Council; and

WHEREAS, Anita Bañuelos served as a Council Aide from 2013 to 2021 working for Councilmember Jolon Clark, and consistently showed an unwavering commitment to public service and to the people of this great city; and

WHEREAS, Anita has been a trusted advisor to the members of the Council, providing expert guidance and support on a wide range of issues, and has played a key role in advancing many important legislative initiatives that have improved the lives of Denver residents; and

WHEREAS, Anita led the charge successfully reopen the College View Recreation Center as a city run and operated center bringing youth sports and more back to the College View community; and

WHEREAS, Anita championed various infrastructure and safety improvements around Valverde Elementary School including new driver feedback signs and new sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, Anita worked with community to gather petitions and rename two previously unnamed parks to La Lomita Park and Ulibarri Park through the city park renaming process giving these communities a name to put with the community gathering spots that had long been a part of the fabric of the neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Anita worked with community members, the Parks Department, and private supporters to bring park improvements including a new playground to Byers Pecos Park; and

WHEREAS, Anita served on the task force to open Denver's first Youth Empowerment Center in the Valverde Neighborhood which serves as a model for youth engagement, youth safety, and youth development across the city; and

WHEREAS, Anita has earned a reputation for her professionalism, dedication, and expertise, and has been a valued member of the City Council family, serving with distinction and making a meaningful impact on the work of the Council.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council does hereby recognize and honor the career and service of Anita Bañuelos and extends our heartfelt appreciation for her dedication, professionalism, and service to the City of Denver.

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 Anita Bañuelos.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 26, 2023

PRESIDENT