



OAK PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY

January 27, 2023

Sean Keane
Parking and Mobility Services Manager
Village of Oak Park
123 Madison St.
Oak Park, IL 60302

Re: Letter of Support

Dear President Scaman and Village Trustees,

I wanted to reach out to express my appreciation for your consideration of the draft ordinance reducing parking permit fees for many of the most economically vulnerable residents of our community. All of the residents participating in OPHA's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (approximately 510 families), together with the residents of The Oaks (74 residents), the Farrelly-Muriello Apartments (21 residents), and Mills Park Tower (198 residents), will greatly benefit from your consideration in this matter.

As you know, parking and transportation costs comprise a very meaningful portion of the household budgets of our lowest income populations. In passing this ordinance amendment you are helping to put additional employment opportunities, family connections, and community engagement opportunities within reach of many more members of our lowest-income senior and family populations. Together, they and I wish to express to you our heartfelt thanks for this change, and for your continuing commitment to advancing Oak Park as a community that is open to and welcoming of all people. Thank you.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ken Southward, Director of Housing Program or me at (708) 386-6061, extensions 134 or 111, respectively.

With deepest appreciation,



David Pope
Executive Director