

## RESOLUTION

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DELEGATION OF CERTIFYING OFFICERS FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) ELECTRONIC REPORTING SYSTEM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS REQUIRED FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois (“Village”) is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

**WHEREAS**, CDBG funds are subject to environmental review, decision-making, and action responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 24 C.F.R. Part 58, “Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities”; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by HUD regulations, it is required that the Certifying Officer (or designee) of the Responsible Entity sign Environmental Review documents and be responsible for the Environmental Review process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certifying Officer is defined by HUD as the Chief Elected Official of the government (Village Board President); and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Elected Official may delegate this authority through a Formal Delegation due to Village staff being more readily available for the Environmental Review process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village’s Formal Delegation, previously approved in letter form dated April 4, 2021, has expired due to transition in Village staff positions; and

**WHEREAS**, Per a recent ruling by HUD’s Community Planning and Development Director, a Village Board Resolution is now required for the updated Formal Delegation of the Certifying Officer.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

**Section 1. Recitals Incorporated.** The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

**Section 2. Approval of Delegation.** Delegation of authority is granted to the Village Manager and Deputy Village Manager, to carry out the responsibilities of Certifying Officers as provided in 24 C.F.R. Part 58, its related Federal authorities listed in Sections 58.5 and 58.6, as well as Section 102 of NEPA and its related provisions in 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508. Further,

as the delegated Certifying Officers the Village Manager and Deputy Village Manager, are authorized to and accept on behalf of the Village of Oak Park, the jurisdiction of the federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities. The Formal Delegation of Certifying Officers shall run until revoked by the Village President or by the end of the Village President’s term in office.

**THIS RESOLUTION** shall be in force and effect from and after its adoption and approval as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
President Scaman				
Trustee Buchanan				
Trustee Enyia				
Trustee Parakkat				
Trustee Robinson				
Trustee Straw				
Trustee Wesley				

**APPROVED** this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023.

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Vicki Scaman, Village President

**ATTEST**

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Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk