

# PROCLAMATION

IN HONOR OF JOHN LYNCH

MAY 22, 2023

**WHEREAS**, we are here today to express our appreciation to John Lynch, and to honor him for his commitment to supporting the Village of Oak Park (“Village”) in the area of economic development and small business vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, John Lynch served as Executive Director of the Oak Park Economic Development Corporation (Oak Park EDC) from 2015 until 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, John Lynch came to Oak Park with more than 20 years of experience in real estate, infrastructure, and economic development with a M.B.A. from Northwestern University, an M.S. in Civil Engineering from Purdue University, and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame; and

**WHEREAS**, under John’s leadership the Oak Park EDC operated with the mission to enhance the quality of life and economic health of the Village by expanding the property tax base, increasing sales tax revenue, and creating jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, as Executive Director for the Oak Park EDC, John engaged elected officials, Village staff, developers, retailers, brokers, and public stakeholders with volunteer professionals serving on the Oak Park EDC Board to support this mission with honor and integrity resulting in a new urbanist vision for Oak Park with the addition of major transit-oriented and commercial development in downtown Oak Park and the revitalization of Madison Street and the Arts District along Harrison Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the combined efforts of all involved provided for \$363 million in new private investment, 2,000,000 square feet in new commercial and residential space, and 800 new full-time employees since 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, John shares the values of the Village for advancing affordable housing and racial equity goals which are integrated into the implementation of economic development and small business vitality affirmed by the Oak Park EDC Equity Statement; and

**WHEREAS**, John’s vision, strong work ethic, and passion will be visible in the Village’s downtown skyline for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the Village of Oak Park, we express our sincere appreciation to John Lynch for his impactful tenure as Executive Director of the Oak Park EDC and we congratulate John Lynch, expressing our sincere gratitude to him for his unwavering dedication and service, and wish him much fulfillment as he begins an exciting new chapter in his career.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Village President Vicki Scaman and the Board of Trustees do hereby proclaim Monday, May 22, 2023 as a day of appreciation honoring John Lynch for his service to our Village.

**DATED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

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Vicki Scaman, Village President

**ATTEST**

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Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk