



May 10, 2008

Commissioner Arnold Randall
Chicago Department of Planning and Development
City Hall Room 1001
121 N. LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Commissioner Randall:

I am writing on behalf of The Fulton River District Association, a not-for-profit community organization established in March 2000 to foster a clean, safe and friendly Chicago neighborhood located on the West Bank of the Chicago River at Wolf Point. It is not our policy or desire to publicly comment on development projects outside of our area. However, we believe that the current events taking place in Grant Park regarding The Children's Museum will have such a dire and lasting effect on all current and future residents of Chicago that to not act would be a disservice to both our members and the City at large.

Consequently, I wish to inform you of the following resolution passed by The Board of The Fulton River District Association at its meeting on Sunday April 27, 2008:

RESOLVED:

“The Board of The Fulton River District Association, a not-for-profit community group established in March 2000 fully supports 42nd Ward Alderman Brendan Reilly’s position to oppose the development of The Children’s Museum in Grant Park and further supports his efforts to keep Grant Park as a “Public Ground – A Common to Remain Forever Open, Clear and Free of any Buildings, or other Obstruction Whatever.”

While we respect the value of The Children's Museum, we encourage the City to seek another location for its development. We further encourage the City to respect the treasured concept established by our forbearers of Grant Park as common ground for all. Let us not be the generation that destroys such a grand City legacy.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Gage
President FRDA

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Coalition

Cc Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd Ward
Ald. Walter Burnett Jr., 27th

Peggy Figiel, Save Grant Park