
THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2015-010

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND
LEGACY OF REV. PETER V. CONTRERAS**

DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor
Randy Heuser, City Clerk

1st Ward	CHRISTINE BUCKNER	TOM HAWLEY
2nd Ward	LETICIA VIEYRA	FRED BILOTTO
3rd Ward	NANCY RITA	KEVIN DONAHUE
4th Ward	MARCIA STONE	CANDACE CARR
5th Ward	JANICE OSTLING	KENNETH PITTMAN
6th Ward	DEXTER JOHNSON	JAIRO FRAUSTO
7th Ward	NANCY THOMPSON	JAMES JOHANSON

Aldermen

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OF REV. PETER V. CONTRERAS**

Whereas, Rev. Peter V. Contreras Jr. was born on June 25th, 1940, City of Blue Island, Illinois;

Whereas, Rev. Peter V. Contreras Jr. spent his early years in Blue Island as the ministers son who founded Bethel-Pentecostal Church September 1948;

Whereas, after graduating from Community High School Dist. 218 in 1959, Rev. Peter V. Contreras Jr. attended Miracle Valley Bible College in Arizona & IBLA Latin America Bible Institute;

Whereas, Rev. Peter V. Contreras Jr. returned to Blue Island in 1964, his father Rev. Pedro V. Contreras Sr. retired as senior Pastor; in 1965 he was ordained and elected Pastor;

Whereas, in the early 1970's, Rev. Peter V. Contreras Jr. helped establish the Bilingual Program in District 130 and was the Chairman of the Bilingual Advisory Council, also served on the State Of Illinois Evaluation Team evaluating Bilingual Programs. He was also on the Board of Education for District 130 and served two years as President of the Board;

Whereas, in 2001, Rev. Peter V. Contreras Jr. was inducted into Dwight D. Eisenhower High School District 218 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame for the work and efforts he has done to make Blue Island a good place to live in;

Whereas, Rev. Peter V. Contreras Jr. married Phyllis Whisnant in July 6, 1963 and has 4 children, Clara Zerolis Contreras, Peter V. Contreras III, Jonathan C. Contreras and Audrey E. Schudt, he also has 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren;

Whereas, Rev. Peter V. Contreras Jr. served 12 years on the board of St. Francis Hospital in Blue Island to be a Liaison and represent the Hispanic Community. He was of the original Board Members of the Blue Island Development Corporation that produced a newsletter and then later became the Forum Newspaper;

Whereas, Rev. Peter V. Contreras Jr. is an active member of the Blue Island Ministerial Association in Blue Island and served three terms as President. He was instrumental and helped Jack King open the Guildhaus, a halfway house located on Canal St. in Blue island, IL for men recovering from disease of chemical dependency;

Whereas, Rev. Peter V. Contreras Jr. during the 1980's, served as a volunteer Chaplain for the Blue Island Police Department and still helps the police department when called upon. 20 years ago he started a Community Kid Day, an event where the Police & Fire Department come together for a day of fun and educational activities;

Whereas, Rev. Peter V. Contreras Jr. continues to assist the Latin American Advisory Committee that started a Memorial Day service over 40 years ago, to honor and educate the community of the contributions and accomplishments the Mexican Americans have given and sacrificed to this great country of ours;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois, do hereby should continue the efforts of Rev. Peter V. Contreras to ensure equality, justice, and dignity for all people of the United States.

ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2015, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Buckner-Cheatle			X		
Hawley	X				
Vieyra	X				
Bilotto	X				
Rita	X				
Donahue	X				
Stone			X		
Carr	X				
Ostling	X				
Pittman	X				
Johnson			X		
Frausto	X				
Thompson	X				
Johanson	X				
Vargas (Mayor)					
TOTAL	11		3		

APPROVED by the Mayor on April 14, 2015.

Domingo F. Vargas
 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
 COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this

14th day of April, 2015.

Paula J. Jusey
 CITY CLERK