

*BY THE COMMON COUNCIL*

*Resolution recognizing and thanking Alderman Robert W. Puente, who is leaving the Common Council after 12 years as 9<sup>th</sup> District Alderman and nearly 40 years of distinguished public service to the City of Milwaukee.*

**WHEREAS,**

**ALDERMAN ROBERT W. PUENTE**

*dutifully served the citizens of Milwaukee as 9<sup>th</sup> District Alderman for 12 years, following a distinguished career of nearly 28 years with the Milwaukee Police Department; and*

***WHEREAS,** After serving as captain in command of Milwaukee Police District 2 and the Criminal Intelligence Division, Alderman Robert W. Puente won a seat on the Milwaukee Common Council on April 6, 2004, where he remained a strong advocate for public safety, serving as a key member of the Licenses Committee, as vice chair of the Public Safety Committee for eight years and chairing the Ambulance Service Board, the Private Alarm System Task Force and the Public Alarm Safety Task Force; and*

***WHEREAS,** Upon assuming elected office, Alderman Robert W. Puente enacted a comprehensive plan for the 9<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District, featuring a Job Corps campus and program, a new library, significant support for block watch groups, and industrial development and expansion with partners in the private sector that included Direct Supply, Cintas, Mortara, Hellerman Tyton, Kohls, Hydrite and Super Steel, and his focus on fostering new housing ushered in single-family residential developments including River Ridge, River View, Tara Vista, Cedar Ridge and Granville Heights; and*

***WHEREAS,** Seeing them as a source of blight and instability, Alderman Robert W. Puente invested significant effort and resources in repurposing and reusing vacant big box stores, notably succeeding in efforts to restore a vacant Wal Mart building as a headquarters for ETE Reman, a Sam's Club as a light industrial site, a Kmart as a Home Depot and then a Pick 'n Save, and a Menards as Ray's MTB indoor bike park, and he was also a crucial contributor to the development of the Brown Deer Road Corridor Study; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and thanks Alderman Robert W. Puente for his 12 years as 9<sup>th</sup> District Alderman and nearly 40 years of distinguished public service to the City of Milwaukee, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community for his dedication, and wishes for him a happy, healthy and prosperous future; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Alderman Robert W. Puente, an exemplary public servant.*

***Introduced and approved on April 15, 2016 by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council: Robert W. Puente, Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Joe Davis, Sr., Nik Kovac, Robert Bauman, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, Robert G. Donovan, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski and Russell W. Stamper, II.***