

BY ALD. PEREZ

Resolution thanking the Southside Organizing Committee for holding a Spanish-language Neighborhood Leadership Academy.

WHEREAS,

SOUTHSIDE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

celebrated the graduation of its Spanish-language Neighborhood Leadership Academy on July 23, 2014, at the Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S. Layton Blvd.; and

WHEREAS, This was the fourth time the class has been offered, but the 11 new graduates were the first to learn the basics of organizing better neighborhoods and communities entirely in Spanish; and

WHEREAS, The academy focused on developing the knowledge and skills of local leaders, building a sense of mutual support among them, and visiting other neighborhood groups to see community organizing in action; and

WHEREAS, The Southside Organizing Committee was established in 1990 and is committed to providing the 88,000 residents living in Milwaukee's near south side safe and livable neighborhoods through housing resources, community prosecution, neighborhood clean-ups, voter education, bilingual services and neighborhood block groups, and has been a catalyst for developing leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith thanks the Southside Organizing Committee for holding a Spanish-language Neighborhood Leadership Academy, wishes it well, and extends its sincere appreciation on behalf of the community for its many valuable contributions; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Southside Organizing Committee.

Introduced by Common Council member José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 3, 2014.