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3	Karyn McCullough	1336 N. Lorel	708-203-8513	<i>[Signature]</i>
4	Lisa Beverly	1336 N. Lorel	773-225-4111	<i>[Signature]</i>
5	Patrick Beverly	1336 N. Lorel	312-402-2413	<i>[Signature]</i>
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7	ARTHUR PERRY	1340 N. Lorel	(773)745-0958	<i>[Signature]</i>
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11	Danielle Corey	1347 N. Lorel	773 413 7334	<i>[Signature]</i>
12	Charles Anderson	134 N. Lockwood	-	<i>[Signature]</i>
13	Demetria Smith	1329 N. Lorel	630-670-0563	<i>[Signature]</i>
14	Ashley Douglas	1345 N. Lorel	(773)587-4495	<i>[Signature]</i>
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1	Reginald Harris	5204 W. Bloomingdale	622-3122	Reginald Harris
2	Ricky Murff	5218 W. Bloomingdale	889-8117	Ricky Murff
3	Vivian Murff	5218 W. Bloomingdale	889 8117	Vivian Murff
4	Shannon Murff	5218 W. Bloomingdale	889-8117	Shannon Murff
5	Debra Ghara	5838 W. Bloomingdale	745-8888	Debra Ghara
6	Brettamy Williams	5246 W. Bloomingdale	237-1994	Brettamy Williams
7	Cari Montgomery	5250 W. Bloomingdale	773-804994	Cari Montgomery
8	Shirley O'Dell	5254 W. Bloomingdale	773-309-8087	Shirley O'Dell
9	Dana Jones	5308 W. Bloomingdale	312-480-1040	Dana Jones
10	Carmela Coleman	5320 Bloomingdale	1773 517-2474	Carmela Coleman
11	James William	5324 W. Bloomingdale	773 622-7434	James William
12	Gregory Rogers	1830 North	889-8851	Gregory Rogers
13	DOROTHY BUTLER	1830 North	889-8851	Dorothy Butler
14	Steve Little	5406 W. Cortland	773-654-0825	STEVEN LITTLE
15	Jannel Moseley	5406 W. Cortland	773-654-0825	Jannel Moseley
16	Bonita Hudson	5414 Cortland COMLAND	1-773-788-4727	Bonita Hudson
17	Grady McDANIEL	5414 W. Cortland		Grady McDaniel
18	Sallie Green	5418 W. Cortland		Sallie Green
19		5438 W. Cortland	1-312-714-8830	DAUGANNA WILSON
20	Mary Moore-Sloan	5438 W. Cortland		Mary Moore-Sloan



### ITW Speer Academy, una nueva escuela secundaria pública en 2014!

Al firmar esta petición, yo apoyo traer la propuesta ITW Speer Academy, una nueva escuela secundaria pública de \$15M de alta calidad, al Distrito 37 (5357 W. Grand). La escuela secundaria propuesta será administrada por Noble, el operador de las escuelas secundarias de rendimiento de inscripción abierta más alta en Chicago. Es pública, con matrícula gratis, con inscripción abierta, que se enfocará en la ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas (STEM) y ofrecerá un plan de estudios de preparación universitaria para preparar a los estudiantes para el éxito en la universidad. No hay dólares TIF o dólares públicos utilizados en la construcción de esta escuela.

	Nombre	Dirección	Teléfono	Firma
1	Michelle Johnson	5705 W. Crystal	773 261-3110	Michelle Johnson
2	Barbara Willis	4949 W. Hirsch	773 261-3339	Barbara Willis
3	Jarvis Jones	4927 W. Hirsch	312-513-4684	Jarvis Jones
4	Samuel Day	4987 W. Hirsch	773) 318-4677	Samuel Day
5	Charlie Jones	4921 W. Hirsch	773-378-7205	Charlie Jones
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7	Carolyn Roberts	4833 W. Hirsch	773 664-8670	Carolyn Roberts
8	Michelle Allen	4848 W. Hirsch	773 281-382	M Allen
9	LORIAN KACHNER	1230 S. Springfield	773) 531-9210	Lorian Kachner
10	Tomoko Robinson	5723 W. Crystal	773 309 8866	Tomoko Robinson
11	Freddie Knight	4915 W. CRYSTAL		Freddie Knight
12	Crystal Robinson	1637 S. Karlov	(773) 441-5727	Crystal Robinson
13	Carolyn Johnson	1357 N. Kostner		
14	Arlene Johnson	4955 W. Karlov	773-379-4118	Arlene Johnson
15	Lucinda Marsh	4847 W. Hirsch	(773) 287-6575	Lucinda Marsh
16	Lanorrisa W.	4829 W. Potomac	773 287 9219	Lanorrisa W.
17	Katrina Bennett	4845 W. POTOMAC	773-473-4401	Katrina Bennett
18	Bryan Hale	4845 W. Potomac	312-523-3473	Bryan Hale
19	LaCherie Morris	4845 W. POTOMAC	773-453-6934	LaCherie Morris
20	Tracy Russell	4951 W. Hirsch	773 676-8861	Tracy Russell



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3	William STANLEY	5160 W Cortland	-773-889-1819	William Stanley
4	Donald Bell	5534 W Cortland	773-637- <sup>637</sup>	Donald Bell
5	Jamie Coleman	5534 W Cortland	773 637 6335	Jamie Coleman
6	Debra Taylor	1840 N. LUNA	773 517-1344	<i>[Signature]</i>
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8	Anna Jones	1840 N. Luna	773-745-5707	Anna Jones
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11	Shylva Cocraft	1818 N LUNA	773 469 4162	Shylva Cocraft
12	Patrice Bishop	1818 N. Luna	(773)664-5814	Patrice Bishop
13	Theresa Brown	1829 N. Luna	773-385-9143	Theresa Brown
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15	Torrian Reed	1840 N LUNA	(773)682-3445	Torrian Reed
16	Lakesha Jones	5206 W. Bloomingdale	(773)206-4930	Lakesha Jones
17	Natasha Jones	1840 N. LUNA ST.	(773)408-3336	Natasha Jones
18	ADRIAN MARTINEZ	5224 W. BLOOMINGDALE	773-398-2984	<i>[Signature]</i>
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20	Migdalia Martinez	5224 W. Bloomingdale	773-571-6498	Migdalia Martinez

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1	Loretta Mathox	4829 W. Augusta	773 921-7645	Loretta Mathox
2	Esther Williams	5423 W. Augusta Blvd.	773-377-8351	Esther L. Williams
3	Deborah's Barnes	1054 N. Lawler	973-443-9598	Deborah Barnes
4	Angeline Jenkins	1042 N. Lawler	773-658-5038	Angeline Jenkins
5	Christine Jenkins	1042 N. Lawler	(773) 789-7621	Christine Jenkins
6	Irene Jenkins	1042 N. Lawler	773) 661-7664	Irene Jenkins
7	Leonard Jenkins	1042 N. Lawler	773(413-7788	Leonard Jenkins
8	Henry Pigran	1042 N. Lawler	773) 459-1818	Henry Pigran
9	Richard Pigran	1012 N. Lawler	773-630-1772	Richard Pigran
10	Richard Pigran	1033 N. LaCrosse		Richard Pigran
11	Betty Fletcher	1041 N. Leclaire	773-921-4050	Betty Fletcher
12	Emilee Beatty	1833 N. Lawler	708-928-9119	Emilee Beatty
13	Nezzie Willis	1081 N. Lawler	773 261-0503 <del>773-876</del>	Nezzie Willis
14	Chris Brown	1018 N. LaCrosse	773-709-9427	Chris Brown
15	Joann Simon	1018 N. Lawler	773-829-9103	Joann Simon
16	Mildred Brackett	1023 N. Lawler	773-921-2058	Mildred Brackett
17	Stephanie Dussage	1108 N. Leclaire	773-7878486	Stephanie Dussage
18	Martha Farnsey	1119 N. Leclaire		Martha Farnsey
19	Deella Wilson	1054 N. Leclaire	773-657-1214	Deella Wilson
20	CASSAN RAMOND	112 N. Leclaire	708-559-1612	Cassandra Ramond



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1	WILLIAM FCARTER	1112 N. Leclaire Ave	773-415-5009	William F Carter
2	Rose Minor	904 N. Leclaire <sup>NE</sup>	312-852-6044	Rose Minor
3	Cynthia McKay	1160 N. Leclaire	773-866-6542	Cynthia McKay
4	Yvonne Thomas	1134 N. Leclaire	773-626-5666	Yvonne Thomas
5	Makia Davis	1132 N. Leclaire	(773) 474-3560	Makia Davis
6	James White	1023 N. Leamington	773-287-5904	James White
7	J.C. Powers	1008 N. Leclaire	773-699-6811	J.C. Powers
8	Willie Boyd	1136 N. Leclaire	773-837-4625	Willie Boyd
9	Quanta Lopez	1135 N. Leclaire	312-285-4330	Quanta Lopez
10	Michael Williams	1140 N. Leclaire	1872-810-9454	Michael Williams
11	LUCY THOMAS	1146 N. Leclaire	773-261-1294	Lucy Thomas
12	Lucinda McKinley	1806 W. Lotus	773-237-6035	Lucinda McKinley
13	Cora Qualls	1806 N. Lotus	773-745-6712	Cora Qualls
14	Mary Moore	1806 W. Lotus	773-712-4096	Mary Moore
15	Nellie James	1041 N. Leclaire	773-287-3957	Nellie James
16	Donella James	1041 N. Leclaire	(773) 626-3421	Donella James
17	Doree James	1041 N. Leclaire	773-287-3957	Doree James
18	Roderick James	1041 N. Leclaire	773-921-1050	Roderick James
19	Roshonda Fletcher	1041 N. Leclaire	773-368-0902	Roshonda Fletcher
20	Keith Jackson	825 N. Laramie	630-229-4509	Keith Jackson



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3	Eddie Davensport	1420 N. Lawler	872 702-0197	Eddie Davensport
4	MERVYN TAYLOR	4927 W. KAMELINA	(773) 401-3086	Mervyn Taylor
5	ERIC DAVIS	5406 W. HANSON	(773) 410-9849	Eric Davis
6	Willie Drape	1158 N. LATHOBE	773 718-1522	Willie Drape
7	Alfred Boyce	1717 N. Lorel	773-447-8343	Boyce, Alfred
8	Diana Chew	5216 S W North	773-956-4204	Diana Chew
9	<del>Shirley</del> Shirley Vessal	5804 W. ST. PAUL	773-259-6475 773-297	Shirley Vessal
10	Roy C. Mainer	1641 N 73rd <sup>Elmwood</sup> <sup>North</sup>	773-858-0685	Roy C. Mainer
11	Jeanette Jones	1606 N. Lorel	773-829-6709	Jeanette Jones
12	Charles Price	1443 N. Lawler	773-437-9773	Charles Price
13	Lafetta Bradley	4932 W. Race	312/771-2033	Lafetta Bradley
14	Alesia Weather	1012 W. LAVERGNE	(773) 523-5770	Alesia Weather
15	NORMAN LOWE	1053 S Mayfield	(312) 415-7352	Norman Lowe
16	CORTZ JONES	1450 W. Laramie	773-441-3228	Cortz Jones
17	Steve Lloyd	1352 N. Lockwood	773-815-0011	Steve Lloyd
18	KARLOS CURRY	1652 N. LOREL	773-754-3526	Karlos Curry
19	Allen Matthea	1710 N. LOCKWOOD	773 316 2890	Allen Matthea
20	Kelvin Harris	<del>5431</del> 5431 Lockwood Ave	(773) 521-5111	Kelvin Harris



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4	DELLAH MACK	1755 N. LOCKWOOD	(773) 889-8100	Delilah Mack
5	Johnnie Smith	1723 N. Lockwood	(773) 237-7145	Johnnie Smith
6	Larry Gross	614 N. Christie	(773) 481-4111	Larry Gross
7	Philip Cooper	1720 N. Lockwood	773-507-5202	Philip Cooper
8	James Jones	5250 W. Bloomingdale	(773) 309-8057	James Jones
9	Brian Jones	1754 N. Lockwood	773-237-2804	Brian Jones
10	MARCUS ALLISON	1805 N. Luna	773) 795-0087	Marcus Allison
11	ARLE SHAW	809 W. LAIRD	773 237-4408	Arle Shaw
12	ALVIS RAMSEY	1753 N. LOCKWOOD	773-302-5371	Alvis Ramsey
13	Antonia Hayda	1700 N. Metrobe	773-993-7832	Antonia Hayda
14	Jamarcus Cannon	1427 N. Laramie	(777) 501-4552	Jamarcus Cannon
15	Jerry Hunt	5401 W. Lemay	(773) 889-4956	Jerry Hunt
16	DANIEL DUNN	1795 N. LINDA		Daniel Dunn
17	DYONTIA WILSON	5255 W. Lemay	773 355-2285	Dyontia Wilson
18	Puentin Harris	5520 W. Kamerling	773-620-8609	Puentin Harris
19	Rachael Lough	5255 W. Lemay		Rachael Lough
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4	Andre Walker	5430 W. Crystal	(773) 860-4735	Andre Walker
5	Gladys Hardman	1640 N. Parkside	708-715-3135	Gladys Hardman
6	Barbara Hardman	3460 W. Crystal	773-926-3544	Barbara Hardman
7	Ason Williams	5530 W. Crystal	773-268-5282	Ason Williams
8	Lolita Travis	5440 W. Crystal	773-332-4138	Lolita M. Travis
9	Ollie M. Baker	5414 W. Crystal	773-626-4567	Ollie M. Baker
10	Helen Stidham	5461 W. Crystal	630-731-1658 773-595-2342	Helen Stidham
11	Ronald Calhoun	5526 W. Crystal	1-312 623-0255	Ronald Calhoun
12	Sherice Henderson	1704 N. Laramie	(773) 719-2224	Sherice Henderson
13	Fredric Birt	5465 W. Potomac	(630) 841-9345	Fredric Birt
14	Bernice McClay	5455 W. Kernerling	773 626 630 2537	Bernice McClay
15	Darrell McClay	5455 W. Kernerling	773 626 2537	Darrell McClay
16	Darrell McClay	5455 W. Kernerling	773 625 2537	Darrell McClay
17	Thomas Smith	5455 W. Kernerling	773 626 2537	Thomas Smith
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4	Michelle Morris	5363 W. Potomac	773-921-7787	
5	Lillie Winston	5339 W. Potomac	(773) 287-8754	
6	Quinceaux	5315 W. Potomac	(773) 606-5495	
7	Lula Curry	1335 N Lorel	773 637-2801	
8	Nandi Washington	1341 N. Lorel	(773) 603-3455	
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5	Johany Tremble	1722 N. LATROBE	773-981-1722	Johany Tremble
6	KING ADAMS	1725 N. LATROBE	773-851-1107	King Adams
7	Robert Cummings	1737 N. Latrobe	773-745-7365	Robert Cummings
8	Brian Jamison	1741 N. Latrobe		Brian Jamison
9	CHARLES ECKY	5168 W. WABANSIA	(773) 745-1387	Charles Ecky
10	Emily Perkins	1743 N Latrobe	773 637-6662	Emily Perkins
11	Robbie Coleman	1749 Latrobe.	773-637-3071	Robbie Coleman
12	Jessie Jones	1734 N Latrobe	773-637-4485	Jessie Jones
13	Delaney Zhan	1718 N Latrobe		Delaney Zhan
14	Jackie Baggett	1715 N Latrobe	773 8511107	Jackie Baggett
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**Help bring a high quality open enrollment high school to your community!  
Ayude a traer una escuela secundaria de alta calidad a su comunidad!**

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Mr. Martin Cabrera Jr.  
Chairman, Chicago Plan Commission  
Department of Housing and Economic Development  
City of Chicago  
121 North LaSalle Street, Room 905  
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Re: Zoning Map Amendment Application  
Noble Charter ITW David Speer Academy  
5337 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Chairman Cabrera:

Please be advised that I support the proposed Zoning Map Amendment which will establish a planned development for the Noble Charter ITW David Speer Academy, to be located at 5337 West Grand Avenue in the Armitage Industrial Corridor. Please contact me at my office 773-745-2894 if you have any questions regarding this amendment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Emma Mitts  
Alderman, 37<sup>th</sup> Ward

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September 14, 2013

Martin Cabrera, Jr., Chair  
Chicago Plan Commission  
c/o Chicago Housing and Department of Economic Development  
City Hall room 1000  
121 N. LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

**RE: NOBLE ITW CAMPUS**

Mr. Cabrera -

I am providing this letter in support of the proposed new Noble ITW campus currently planned for the Belmont-Cragin community on Chicago's far west side. As you are well aware, Chicago has long struggled to provide quality education to children on the West Side. Without quality education, economic development is all but impossible.

We believe that a new Noble ITW campus focusing on STEM curriculum will provide a needed, high-quality education option for families in the Belmont-Cragin community. Noble is committed to providing slots for students who live in the immediate vicinity of the school and Bethel will work with Noble to carve out a percentage of the total enrollment for local families.

It is anticipated that the new campus will bring a \$20 million capital investment to the community, attracting positive attention to a community that does not often receive it and helping to re-brand the community as one in which high-quality education is provided. A new campus at this location will also make positive use of vacant space, adding long-term value and progressive land use to the community. The emotional impact of this type of investment in a community that has been so long disenfranchised is both powerful and positive for the residents of the community.

It is our understanding that the construction of the new campus in 2014-2015 will create over 100 trades jobs and the completed school will provide up to 50 permanent jobs. Bethel intends to work with Noble to provide the job skills training necessary to fill their pipeline needs and to ensure that a significant number of those jobs are filled by community residents.

Additionally, the campus will feature a new soccer/football field that will add to the recreation options available to community members. We believe that the Noble ITW campus will be a welcome neighbor and will add to the overall livability of the community.

I encourage you to support the necessary zoning changes and planning modifications that may be needed to make the Noble ITW campus a reality.



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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

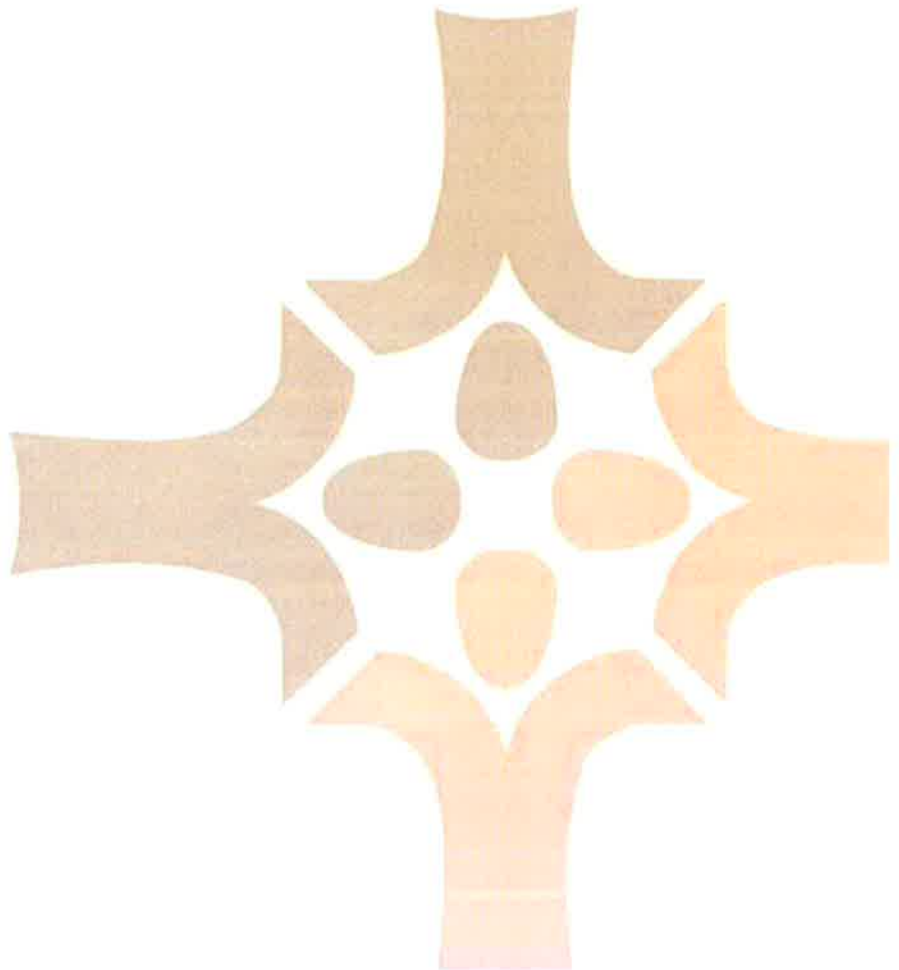
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October 17, 2013

Chairman Martin Cabrera, Jr.  
Chicago Plan Commission  
c/o the Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development  
City Hall, Room 1000  
121 N. LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Chairman Cabrera:

I'm Jair Olivares, and although I'm studying a thousand miles away, my heart still lives at my home on Latrobe, a block away from the Burrito Amigo. That's why I'm writing to you today; I want to advocate for the opening of a new Noble campus. I'm more than sure that the benefits of Noble's ITW Speer Academy will reach far beyond its walls.

I am a graduate of Pritzker College Prep, a Noble campus, partially by choice, and partially because it was my only "other" option. The selective enrollment schools had chosen not to accept me, so my family and I figured Noble would be a good alternative to my neighborhood high school.

My parents were apprehensive about the neighborhood I'd be traveling to everyday, it wasn't the best neighborhood in Chicago, but I never once felt threatened while at school. Not once. Noble does an excellent job building an environment of study and community. Having high expectations for us creates a culture where you're not worried about getting beat up in the hallway or shoved into a locker. What worries you is whether or not your khakis look well-ironed, how you did on that last test, and how hard you're going to hit practice after school. Those are the kind of worries that a student should have. Noble builds character, discipline, and success.

Their biggest strength is their commitment to college. I began my high school career expecting to be a waiter, factory worker, or mechanic. Not because I thought I wasn't capable of more, but because that's what I honestly wanted in life—a simple life with a family, a home, and job that made enough money to put food on the table. College was never a real part of my plan. If it happened, it happened. If it didn't, it didn't. However, going into my junior year, there was no doubt that I would be going to college. Seeing everyone around me, students and teachers alike, present their best work inspired me to do more in life than settle for the easiest road. Not pushing myself, not striving for greatness, and not wanting to give back to my community would be a disservice.

I had to put first things first; I rocked out the ACT, and focused on my grades. Senior year came and went, and in the summer I was Harvard bound! I'll be forever grateful for all of the opportunities Noble as afforded me. When I graduate, I fully intend to become a teacher at Noble and change lives the way Noble changed mine. Where my life goes from there is anyone's guess, but if Noble has taught me anything, I know not even the sky's the limit.

Best regards,  
Jair Gamaliel Olivares Gama  
2018, Harvard University  
37<sup>th</sup> Ward Resident



4910 W. Fulton  
Chicago, IL 60644  
08/09/2013

Dear Alderman Emma Mills, I'm a resident of the 37th ward. I'm writing to share my story and ask for your support of a new Noble Campus in our ward. I chose Noble because it has great opportunities for parents and children in our community. It has a great disciplinary system, prepares their students for college, and exploring activities.

Noble has helped me and my daughter in many ways. I had to make a decision that was in the best interest for the both of us. I've combined my household rules with her school rules. That means that I totally agree with all their guidelines of conduct. We have to work as a team. It's different at times but becomes adjustable, especially with the outcome. Me, my daughter, and her advisor makes goals and we strive for the best.

The impact of a Noble Campus in our community is very much needed. Please support the construction of the Noble's new ITW campus in the 37th Ward. Also, please give families the opportunity and the right to choose a great education. We need more high quality school options like Noble.

Sincerely,  
Bessy Holmes  
Bessy Holmes  
(713) 999-8887

2333 N. LaTrobe  
Chicago ILL 60639

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Dear Alderman: ~~EMMA~~ ~~MATTS~~

I'm writing This letter to share my story about How The Noble School change my kids life.

My son is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, in CICS West Belden Charter School, he has been on Honor Roll for two years and gets motivated by the teachers who care about kids.

My daughter is in Pritzker College Prep. she is a sophomore, and it changed her a lot.

Now she wants to go to College, she cares about her grades, and she thinks about her future.

As 2 parents, I'm happy to see, how the Teacher helped us.

The Noble Schools are the best choice for our kids, they are the future, and deserve the best.

PLEASE HELP US, be part of the big Change on our community : ITW 5357 W. GRAND.  
THANK YOU. <sup>Edith</sup> Ortiz

834 North Kolin Ave  
Chicago, IL 60651  
August 7, 2013

Dear Alderman Emma Mitts,

I am writing to share my story and ask for your support of a new Noble campus in the 37th Ward. I chose Noble because it's right (I thank God for Noble). It's time for a big change in our community for our children. I have tried the public school system and I seen personally what Noble can do! I love Noble policies, procedures, discipline and especially the way they motivate and educate every student. I am a Noble parent; my oldest daughter graduated this year and is on her way to college. My second daughter is a Sophomore and she talks about graduating from college and becoming successful in life. Please give families the right to choose a great education. We must have more high quality school options like Noble, the children are the future!

Sincerely,  
Kenyetta Holmes

5509 W. Iowa St., Fl 2  
Chicago IL 60651  
3 Aug 13

Dear Alderman Mitts,

I am writing to share my story and ask for your support of a Noble campus in your ward.

I am a resident of the 37th ward.

I want to share with you my family's experiences with Noble. Before my son started going to a Noble school he told me he was not going to college, he told me he would always live with me and just pay me rent. Since he's been at Chicago Bulls College Prep he now says he wants to attend DuPaul university. The transition to a Noble school was difficult for him in the beginning but now that he will be a Junior at Chicago Bulls, I have seen so many positive changes in his life.

Please offer more opportunities like this, for a Noble education in our neighborhoods.

Thank you,  
Mekina J. Gordon



Martin Cabrera, Jr., Chair  
Chicago Plan Commission  
City of Chicago  
c/o Department of Housing and Economic Development  
121 North LaSalle Street  
10th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Mr. Cabrera,

I wanted to let you know that we recently have met with the principals at Noble Schools to discuss their proposed ITW Speer Academy on Grand Avenue. To date, we have had a good working relationship with them and they have addressed our concerns regarding their project in a satisfactory fashion. It is our position that they will be a good neighbor and bring enhanced stability to this part of the Grand Avenue corridor.

If you would care to discuss our interaction regarding this project in any other way, feel free to contact me directly at my office 773-745-7985. In advance, thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ragen

Precision Dialogue  
President/CEO  
5501 W. Grand Avenue  
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**September 10, 2013**

**Chairman Martin Cabrera, Jr.**  
**Chicago Plan Commission**  
c/o the Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development  
City Hall, Room 1000  
121 N. LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Chairman Cabrera:

I am writing in support of the construction of a new Noble Network of Charter Schools campus, ITW David Speer Academy, at the site of the old Rubenstein Lumber Yard, 5357 W. Grand Ave. in the 37<sup>th</sup> Ward.

The 37<sup>th</sup> Ward and the Belmont-Cragin community would benefit tremendously from the addition of this Noble school. While this campus would not be located in my representative district, it would be closely adjacent to it and most certainly serve my constituents, who are demanding more high-quality education options for their children as the population in our area continues to grow. Significantly, ITW would be the first non-selective, open enrollment charter school in the 37<sup>th</sup> Ward, welcoming all students, regardless of background and academic history.

In addition to providing new jobs to community members, ITW David Speer Academy, funded by Illinois Tool Works in honor of its late CEO who passed away last fall and believed very much in the power of education to change lives, would offer unique opportunities that our community urgently needs. ITW would have a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) focused curriculum, with five laboratories for science and engineering courses. ITW has also promised to provide college scholarships for Speer Academy students so that they can pursue careers in STEM fields. Additionally, ITW would be the first Noble campus to have a regulation-size football/soccer field, providing students an added incentive to remain engaged with school and their community.

## ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Since Noble opened its doors in 1999, I have been continually impressed by their success and growth. The Noble Network now includes 14 high schools serving 8,800 public school students from Chicago's most distressed neighborhoods. I truly believe that Noble's model of high expectations, involved parents, and committed teachers and school leaders, propels CPS students to success in college and beyond. I am especially impressed that Noble sends 90% of its students to college, 84% of whom are the first in their families to attend a higher education institution.

ITW would present great academic and extracurricular opportunities for the children of Belmont-Cragin and the 37<sup>th</sup> Ward, and, ultimately, set them on a path for success later in life. We cannot afford to see any more of Chicago's high school students drop out of school and disengage from their neighborhoods. I hope you will agree that ITW David Speer Academy would be an invaluable addition to the community.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. I would be happy to answer questions or discuss further at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Soto  
State Representative  
4<sup>th</sup> District



September 16, 2013

Martin Cabrera, Jr.  
Chair  
Chicago Plan Commission  
c/o Department of Housing and Economic Development  
City Hall, Room 1000  
121 N. LaSalle St.  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Chairman Cabrera:

My name is Rev. Dr. Marshall E. Hatch and I am the pastor of the New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church located at 4301 W. Washington in Chicago. In addition to working with my congregants on their spiritual and personal growth, I am a firm believer in the value of education. I have been active for many years on boards, and in the community around providing as many high-quality educational options as possible for the families in my community. That is why I want to express my full support for the new Noble ITW campus which is to be built next year at 5357 W. Grand Avenue.

It is a known fact that obtaining a quality education has been one of the building blocks for success for countless Americans, especially those who do not have other resources to offset persistent financial or familial challenges. Community servants like us know just how crucial good schools are for helping children to escape poverty and have the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential.

This new Noble campus would be a welcome addition to our constituents because it would offer them the kind of high-quality, non-selective educational option not currently available in our growing community. In addition to providing a host of construction jobs and significant permanent employment to community members, the ITW David Speer Academy would put its academic focus on the sciences, offering laboratories and modern equipment that are unfortunately lacking in many CPS facilities – allowing our students to experience learning opportunities that are too often reserved only for those in more affluent suburbs. Further, as a sound body is as important as a sound mind, Speer Academy would also have a modern playing field for sports and recreational purposes, like football, soccer, and track and field, to provide students with a constructive outlet for positive activities that support educational achievement.

I have a niece and a nephew who both attend one of Noble's campuses so I am personally familiar with Noble's accomplishments and record of success. Noble has developed a model of urban education that gets results – most importantly sending 90% of its graduates to college. This is the kind of successful education model that our community needs.

Respectfully, I ask for your assistance in helping to bring the ITW campus to the people we both serve and I hope you and your panel of commissioners will vote in favor of this important project.

Thank you most sincerely for your time and consideration of these requests. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have and hope that this is a project on which we can work together.

Very best regards,

Rev. Dr. Marshall E. Hatch  
Pastor, New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church