

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item number: IB

Title:

Presentation of a recommendation from Mayor Rogina to approve the appointment of Richard Escalante to the St. Charles Corridor Improvement Commission.

Presenter:

Mayor Raymond P. Rogina

Meeting: City Council

Date: August 20, 2018

Proposed Cost: \$

Budgeted Amount: \$

Not Budgeted: ☐**Executive Summary** *(if not budgeted please explain):*

Request favorable consideration to approve the appointment of Richard Escalante to the St. Charles Corridor Improvement Commission.

**Attachments** *(please list):*

Resume, email

**Recommendation/Suggested Action** *(briefly explain):*

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## **RICHARD L. ESCALANTE**

### **Present Retired/Volunteer**

#### **RECENT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

**Northern Illinois University Alumni Association**, Executive Committee 2018 to present. Member Board of Directors 2017 to present.

**College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Advisory Council**, Northern Illinois University. Chair 2016 to present. Vice Chair 2015 to 2016. Member 2013 to present.

**Board of Advisors.** Department of Public Administration, Northern Illinois University. Chair 2014-2015. Member 2013-2016.

**Other volunteer activities at Northern Illinois University.** Interview and assist in selection of faculty and staff positions, review manuscripts, meet and speak to students about career preparation, assist in evaluating architectural firms.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM**, Dallas, TX 2012-13

*Special Assistant to the Chancellor (part time) and Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services (occasional assignments performed remotely)*

- Responsible for special projects and providing assistance to the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and planning staff.
- Led a study of land development alternatives adjacent to the University of North Texas Denton campus.
- Initiated an update to the University of North Texas Denton campus master plan.

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM**, Dallas, TX 2003-2012

*Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services*

Responsible for campus master planning, construction management and land acquisition for the 37,000-student multi-campus university system.

- Responsible for managing the planning, design and construction process for major facilities at all System campuses. These projects included science research facilities, general academic buildings, residence halls, an intercollegiate football stadium and other specialized projects. The total value of the projects exceeded \$500,000,000.
- Led the sustainable buildings initiative. This resulted in five buildings receiving LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) gold designation and one receiving platinum designation.
- Initiated a program to transform information technology service from a campus-based service to a university system-wide shared service model.
- Represented the university system and all campuses before the Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

- Led the campus master planning process and managed the construction of the University of North Texas at Dallas, a new public university in Dallas, Texas.
- Led the campus master planning process for the University of North Texas at Denton campus and the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth.

**CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TX 1987-2003**

***City Manager***

Managed a city with a residential population of 27,000 and a daytime population of approximately 80,000. Maintained the third lowest tax rate in Dallas County and a “AA” bond rating with a combined annual operating and capital budget of \$84,000,000.

- Coordinated the development of effective economic development programs targeted at international and national relocation, retention and expansion.
- Initiated public-private partnership plans for community redevelopment, tourism and recreation facilities.
- Developed a master plan for a transit oriented mixed-use development and neighborhood revitalization.
- Developed an innovative approach to financial planning and the municipal budget process. Under this approach the city could make necessary investments in infrastructure without incurring debt.
- Developed the “Tax Dividend Program” adopting private sector concepts including the return to taxpayers of dividends.

**Village of Carpentersville, IL** Village Manager (1982-87) **City of Moundsville, WV** City Manager (1978-82)  
**City of Boca Raton, Florida**, Assistant City Manager (1975-78).

**EDUCATION**

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**, DeKalb, IL *Master of Arts in Public Affairs*, 1978  
*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science*, 1974.

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY, The Kennedy School of Government**, Cambridge, MA  
*Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government*, June 1997.

**RECOGNITION**

Distinguished Alumni Award, Northern Illinois University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2011.

Model Administrator/Alumnus Award, American Society for Public Administration, Greater Chicago Chapter, 2011.

Award for Excellence in Government Finance, Government Finance Officers Association, 2001.

The Ford Foundation Innovations in American Government Award Program. Tax dividend program named one of the top 20 innovative programs in state and local government, 1999.

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**From:** Richard Escalante [  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2018 9:37 AM  
**To:** Rogina, Raymond  
**Subject:** follow-up from meeting

Mayor Rogina,

I enjoyed our meeting last week. As we discussed I would be interested in serving the city in a volunteer capacity. My travel plans however may interfere with the attendance commitments required to serve on an active commission such as the plan commission. I looked over my past travels and future plans and it appears that I would likely miss three meeting a year because of travel if the commission meets twice a month. If this attendance presents a problem to an appointment I fully understand it.

I have attached a short resume as you requested. Please let me if I could assist the city in any way.

Regards,

*Richard Escalante*  
Richard Escalante