



LOCAL LEADERS AND RESIDENTS CITY-WIDE ENDORSE ANDRÉS TAPIA FOR HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL

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Andrés Tapia, a business executive, City of Highland Park Housing Commissioner, and longtime resident has received endorsements for his candidacy for Highland Park City Council from local leaders and dozens of residents from across the city from a variety of demographics, socioeconomic backgrounds, religions, and racial/ethnic diversity. In just the first few weeks of the campaign Tapia has met with a cross-section of hundreds of Highland Park residents.

Notable local endorsements include Highland Park City Council members Alyssa Knobel and Michelle Holleman, North Shore Water Reclamation District Trustee Rhoda Pierce, Moraine Township Trustee Pablo Alvarez, District 112 Board member Dan Jenks, former District 113 Board Member Julie Gordon, and Lake County Board Member Paras Parekh.

“These endorsements are evidence of Tapia’s commitment to be a voice for all people. His message that we are ready to be an even more welcoming and thriving Highland Park is resonating with individuals and families who are new as well as those that have called Highland Park home for generations,” stated Campaign Co-Chairperson and retired bilingual school social worker, Rosa E. Machabanski.

Campaign Co-Chairperson and Councilman Michelle Holleman added, “Andrés is a results-oriented business leader whose natural ability to connect with people and bring them together toward a common purpose will serve the council well.”

“Having someone who is truly bilingual and bicultural and who has had the life experience of being a bridge between groups would be a fantastic asset to City Hall,” says Campaign Committee Member and Moraine Township Trustee Pablo Alvarez.

“As we begin the journey back from the pandemic’s impact,” says candidate Tapia, “our beautiful, historic, diverse community faces unprecedented challenges as well as opportunities to restore many things that have been lost and, at the same time, reimagine a new future. I am ready to put my professional background and volunteer experience to work for our community as we work together, with all voices included, to shape our future.”

About Andrés Tapia

Andrés Tapia and his wife, Lori Tapia have lived in Highland Park 30 years where they raised their daughter Marisela. She is a graduate of the Dual Language Program and attended school at Red Oak, Elm Place, and Highland Park High School. She is currently a professional flamenco dancer living in Sevilla, Spain.

Tapia was part of the group of parents and educators who proposed the original design of District 112's Dual Language Program, now in its twenty-fifth year.

Tapia is a Senior Partner at the global leadership and talent management consultancy [Korn Ferry](#) where he is the firm's Global Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategist working with Fortune 500 companies and non-profits. He is the author of three books on the topic: "The Inclusion Paradox: The Obama Era and the Transformation of Global Diversity," "Auténtico: The Definitive Guide to Latino Career Success" (co-authored), and the very recently published, "The 5 Disciplines of Inclusive Leaders: Unleashing the Power of All of Us" (co-authored).

He is also on the Board of [Leadership Greater Chicago](#) (and been a fellow since 2008), on the national Board of [Jobs for the Future](#), and on the Executive Committee of the Ravinia Arts Festival Board of Trustees.

Tapia graduated from Northwestern University with a BA in History with an emphasis in political economy and journalism. He is an avid cyclist who can never get enough of Highland Park's trails, parks, ravines, and beaches. He grew up in Lima, Perú with a Peruvian Dad and an American Mom.

The Highland Park City Council election is April 6, 2021.

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