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**ADOPTED—BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAM
ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN SUSTAINABLE URBAN HORTICULTURE
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
RICHARD J. DALEY COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, the Illinois Community College (ICCB) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE); and

WHEREAS, temporary approval for the Advanced Certificate in Sustainable Urban Horticulture was approved by the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois on November 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Advanced Certificate in Sustainable Urban Horticulture at Richard J Daley College has been received and under review for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Advanced Certificate program in Sustainable Urban Horticulture is designed to prepare Chicago residents for jobs in the urban agriculture and green horticulture industries. The program represents a partnership between Richard J. Daley College and the Chicago Botanic Garden. The Advanced Certificate in Sustainable Urban Horticulture requires students to complete 31 credit hours; and

WHEREAS, participants acquire hands-on experience with sustainable vegetable production and learn essential business skills, including planning, pricing, sales, and marketing. Students receive six months of hands-on instruction in greenhouse and outdoor growing practices, followed by a three-month paid internship; and

WHEREAS, classroom sessions, conducted at Arturo Velasquez Institute, include basic horticulture, propagation in greenhouse environments, integrated pest management, soil fertility, small farm business planning, and produce harvest. These programs provide students with opportunities to participate in the local food system, learn business and leadership skills and be trained for future employment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, hereby approves the submission of this program for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

November 7, 2019— Office of Academic and Student Affairs