

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

RESOLUTION

APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS

BASIC CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

RICHARD J. DALEY COLLEGE & WILBUR WRIGHT COLLEGE

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB); and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Basic Certificate and Advanced Certificate in Community Leadership has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Community Leadership Programs will prepare students for employment as entry-level community organizers and community engagement specialists with community organizations or in the public sector, such as elected officials' offices. Developed in partnership with community organizations, the program will equip individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to lead and engage within their communities effectively. The curriculum of the programs aligns with current trends and demands in community leadership education, providing students with practical experience and theoretical foundations to address complex social issues. The need for such a program is evident in our community, where there is a growing demand for skilled leaders who can drive positive change and foster community development; and

WHEREAS, a survey of leaders from community organizations indicated a strong demand for roles such as community organizers and engagement specialists, with a conservative estimate of 640 annual openings across the region and entry level salaries around \$45,000 annually.

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, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.