



ROBERT PETERS

ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR | 13TH DISTRICT

Subject: Promontory Point Chicago Landmarking

Dear Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Wong and Ms Cuvalo:

I would like to share with you my support for designating Promontory Point Park, the southern end of Burnham Park, as an official Chicago Landmark.

I understand that the Chicago Landmarks Commission has received a "Suggestion for Landmark" request for the Point, and I'm aware that Alderman Leslie Hairston and Congresswoman Robin Kelly are in support. I do appreciate the demands that each and every landmark designation puts on your staff, but I hope the CCL will move forward as quickly as possible with landmarking Promontory Point.

Promontory Point's Alfred Caldwell landscape, its long history as a safe public place for all races and classes from all over our City, and most especially its historic WPA limestone revetment, all merit designating the Point as a Chicago landmark. The Point was listed on the National Register in January, 2019; and the extensive NR Registration Form documents the Point's broad historic value.

As you are aware, public spaces here on the South Side of Chicago often receive less attention and care than they deserve. Recognizing the Point's value would also bring needed attention to the other South Side Lakefront parks that contribute to the health and happiness of so many South Side residents.

For more than twenty years a broad range of community members have worked to preserve and protect historic Promontory Point. Official Chicago landmarking of the Point is the very best way to ensure its preservation. Landmarking would provide a framework for the Park District, the City and the community to work together harmoniously to find the best ways to rehabilitate the Point and enhance its diversity, accessibility, affordability, and durability. This would be an outcome that all parties could be proud of.

Thank you all for your attention to landmarking the Point.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Senator RP".

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