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Title

Awarding the 2020 STAJOH Alix Olson Award for the Promotion of a Tolerant and Just Community to Oscar Mireles.

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Department of Civil Rights group Seeking Tolerance and Justice Over Hate, or "STAJOH," created the Alix Olson Award to honor retired Madison Police Detective Alix Olson and her leadership against hate in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the STAJOH Alix Award Committee has selected Oscar Mireles, an individual who exemplifies the values that are fundamental to this award and have been so admirably demonstrated by Alix Olson during her career and in her retirement, as the recipient of the 2020 award; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mireles fosters a community of mutual acceptance and equality in the City of Madison and Dane County for over two decades, leading by example and having a significant impact on community participation in the spheres of poetry and art, social justice and educational access; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mireles brings together diverse segments of the community through his arts initiatives and creates opportunities for collaboration and support across communities through his service to organizations and groups; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mireles has been the Executive Director of Omega School for over 25 years, providing fruitful approaches to student support, relocating the school to a historically marginalized neighborhood and changing the way student outcome disparities are viewed; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mireles impacts our community through his service as a poet and founding member of several organizations that build bridges to bring together individuals, activists, educators, children, young adults, and others by creating opportunities for collaboration and support of one another and of marginalized people in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Oscar Mireles has been chosen to receive the 2020 Alix Olson Award for the Promotion of a Tolerant and Just Community.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway and the Common Council of the City of Madison, Wisconsin, congratulate and thank Mr. Mireles for all he has done, and continues to do, for our Madison community.