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Chicago Lakeshore Marathon
Mark Cihlar: Founder & CEO
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Dear Mr. Cihlar

The Board of Directors and General Membership of the Lincoln Park Advisory Council have instructed me to inform you that they once again endorse and support the issuance of a permit to the Chicago Lakeshore Marathon on the date of your selection which is Sunday May 30, 2004 of the Memorial Day weekend. The vote at our October 8, 2003 meeting was unanimous, reflecting the conscientious outreach you have made with the Advisory Council over these past years.

We believe that the Memorial Day weekend is a good choice of date for the event and a way to open the outdoor Park Season with a positive activity. We hope that press coverage given this event will encourage more pedestrians and runners to use the park.

It is our understanding that there were some complaints that a few of your directional signs were not removed on the first pass through by the clean-up crew in the park, but see no reason to withhold our support on this matter. Every event seems to miss an occasional sign and it is our understanding that the bulk of the signage was removed immediately.

We like the idea that the Lakeshore Marathon goes the length of Lincoln Park, which gives participants and their supporters an opportunity to see all parts of the park. We are especially interested in your tree planting outreach program with students and encourage you to expand this program to include the youth of Margate Park and the Lincoln Park Cultural Center..

Sincerely yours,

Sheli A. Lulkin, President

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