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Chicagoans Can Vote to Choose Next Year's Vehicle Sticker ***City Clerk del Valle's annual high school art contest draws 312 entries, top 10 chosen***

Chicago, Ill. (Dec. 7, 2009) – The contest entries have been narrowed and now the public has a chance to vote on the 2010 – 2011 city vehicle sticker. City Clerk Miguel del Valle invites all residents to vote online and in person using computer kiosks at City Hall for the vehicle sticker winning design, as part of his annual Vehicle Sticker Art Design Contest open to all Chicago high school students.

"We received more than 300 entries from 39 high schools all across Chicago for this year's vehicle sticker art design contest," said Clerk del Valle. "Our panel of volunteer judges critiqued all entries to determine the top 10 designs. We now ask the public to review the student's artwork on our website and choose the winner."

People can vote for their favorite sticker design online at www.ChiCityClerk.com from Dec. 6 through Dec. 13. Voting also is open Monday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 107 of City Hall at 121 N. LaSalle. Also, the Chicago Public Library provides free online access with a library card.

Art contest finalists include: Lookman Muhammed, Lawrence Hall Youth Services; Cooper Zajac, Lincoln Park High School; Jose Estrada, Steinmetz Academic Centre; Tomas Tapia, Jr., Marine Math & Science Academy; Gioia Marzullo, Guerin College Prep; Fationa Celepija, Mather High School; Latasha Wilson, Corliss High School; Diana Solorzano, Mather High School; Michael Tonner, St. Ignatius College Prep; and Kevin Zaragoza, Prosser Career Academy.

The 2010-2011 sticker theme is "Burnham's Chicago." All Chicago high school students in grades 9 through 12 were invited to submit artwork highlighting architect and planner Daniel Burnham's contributions to the city. This year's vehicle sticker art design contest is presented in partnership with the Chicago Department of Zoning and Land Use Planning, the Chicago Plan Commission and the Commission on Chicago Landmarks and supported by a City Council resolution sponsored by Alderman Burke. The contest encourages students to become involved in city government, learn Chicago's architectural history and demonstrate their artistic talents.

The student with the winning design receives a \$1,000 savings bond from Clerk del Valle and the artwork will appear on the 2010 – 2011 vehicle sticker beginning in June 2010. Second and third place contests receive \$500 and \$250 savings bonds, respectively. The seven remaining finalists each receive a \$100 savings bond.

About City Clerk del Valle

Miguel del Valle was elected as Clerk of the City of Chicago in 2007. City Clerk del Valle's office is responsible for maintaining official city government records, distributing approximately 1.3 million vehicle stickers and residential parking permits, and issuing city business licenses. City Clerk del Valle is bringing more efficiency and visibility to City Clerk services by providing greater access to public records, including web casting of City Council meetings, expanding community outreach programs, modernizing operations to expedite the sale of dog registrations, city stickers and residential parking. www.ChiCityClerk.com

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