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MIGUEL DEL VALLE

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## **City Clerk Increases Government Transparency** *Clerk del Valle posts Aldermanic Financial Interest Statements Online*

**Chicago, Ill. (June 5, 2009)** – Building on Chicago City Clerk Miguel del Valle's efforts to increase government transparency, residents can now find Aldermanic Statements of Financial Interests online at [www.ChiCityClerk.com](http://www.ChiCityClerk.com).

Aldermanic Statements of Financial Interests are filed on an annual basis by every Alderman. The statement indicates if the Alderman or the Alderman's spouse has any financial interest in business with the City or with the Chicago Transit Authority, Board of Education, Chicago Park District, Chicago City Colleges, or the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority. The statements also include any real estate interests or business ownership the Alderman has in the City.

"One of my primary goals is to increase access to the government for all residents," said Clerk del Valle. "Making Aldermanic Statements of Financial Interest available online is another example of how we have increased transparency in city government. This is a natural extension of the work we've already done to provide greater access to government records."

In the past, anyone wanting Aldermanic Statements of Financial Interest had to come to City Hall and complete an inquiry form. Statements would then be sent within seven days to the person making the inquiry. Now, people can visit the City Council section of the City Clerk's website, [www.ChiCityClerk.com](http://www.ChiCityClerk.com), complete a simple information form and then instantly receive the Statement of Financial Interest for an Alderman. Per the Municipal Code, a copy of the person's inquiry form is then sent to the Alderman's office.

Since being elected City Clerk in 2007, del Valle has greatly increased transparency and access to Chicago government. The City Clerk's website now posts City Council legislation, including the Journal of Proceedings and Executive Orders, broadcasts City Council meetings, and has a searchable database of all City Council legislation dating back to 1981.

### ***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 1.5 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](http://www.ChiCityClerk.com)

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