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Dear Council Members,

Your recent decision to honor Mike North should be rethought. For over a decade, Mr. North has used the radio airwaves to offend every ethnic group that has contributed to this great mosaic society called America. His remarks, if made by a student in the hallways, locker rooms or school yards, surely would create havoc and/or probably lead to suspension of the student. Why then would you wish to memorialize Mr. North's name and character for that, which is the extreme opposite of what we wish to teach our children? Name calling, ethnic bashing and negative stereotyping have no place in our society and should not be tolerated even though uttered by someone of celebrity.

We stand firm with the Chinese American Community and all ethnics, races and creeds who are or have been offended by the ignorance of the likes of Mr. North. The Italian American Human Relations Foundation of Chicago, along with The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, The National Italian American Foundation, The National Italics Studies Institute and The Order Sons of Italy all agree that there are many more individuals of greater stature to honor, rather than your original selection.

Sincerely,

**Louis H. Rago
President**

**cc: Alderman Mary Ann Smith, 48th Ward
Rummana Hussain, Chicago Sun-Times
Robert Feder, Chicago Sun-Times
Patrick Mullen, WFLD Fox 32
Paul Agase, WSCR Radio
Woon-Wah Siu, President, Organization of Chinese American**



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**Woon-Wah Siu
President of Organization of Chinese Americans
of Greater Chicago
P.O. Box 365
Chicago, IL 60690**

Dear Mr. Siu,

Please be aware that your brothers and sisters in the Italian American community stand with you in opposition to the insensitive comments made by Mike North. His consistent, offensive remarks have been a source of concern for many years.

Should you wish our presence at any meetings or conferences, please notify us at your earliest convenience.

On behalf of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, The Italics, The Order Sons of Italy, The National Italian American Foundation and The Italian American Human Relations of Chicago, I wish you best regards.

Sincerely,

**Louis H. Rago
President**