

## **RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1387**

### **A resolution recognizing Ana Escobar and Gini Pupo-Walker for their historic elections on August 2, 2018.**

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2018, Gini Pupo-Walker was elected to the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Board for District 8, and Ana Escobar was elected Division III Judge for the Davidson County General Sessions Court after advancing from the primary on May 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ana Escobar made history at the polls by becoming the first Hispanic person to be elected judge in Nashville and Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Escobar was born in Bogota, Colombia and immigrated to the United States when she was six months old; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Escobar became a citizen when she was 12 years old and has lived in the Nashville area for 43 years; and

WHEREAS, Ana Escobar attended St. Bernard Academy, St. Henry School, and St. Cecilia Academy, and subsequently went on to receive a bachelor's degree in Political Science and English from Vanderbilt University, and her law degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Escobar has a passion for public service as demonstrated by her service as a public defender, a district attorney, and Metropolitan Clerk of Metro Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Ana Escobar has served the Metropolitan Nashville Government in other capacities through her appointments to the Board of Equalization, the Planning Commission, and the Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Ms. Escobar has served on many non-profit boards including the Nashville Prevention Partnership, the Junior League of Nashville, Conexión Américas, St. Mary Queen of Angels Retirement Home, Hands on Nashville, and is also a member of the Nashville Bar Association, the Nashville Bar Foundation, and served on the State Judicial Nominating Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Escobar is a founder of MyCity Academy, a leadership program that enables New Americans and neighborhood leaders to learn about Metro Government, and also a founder of Dando Valor, a program championed by the Nashville Police Department that unites the different agencies and providers that serve Spanish-speaking victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Escobar brings 22 years of experience both prosecuting and defending criminal cases to the Division III Judgeship position; and

WHEREAS, Gini Pupo-Walker also made history at the polls by becoming the first Hispanic person elected to the Metropolitan Board of Public Education, and the first Hispanic person elected to a school board in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Gini Pupo-Walker's father emigrated from Holguín, Cuba in 1957 and was a Spanish professor at Vanderbilt University for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Gini Pupo-Walker is a native Nashvillian and graduate of Hillwood High School in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pupo-Walker received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Indiana University, returned to Nashville to earn her teacher certification at Belmont University, and later earned a second graduate degree in Education Administration from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pupo-Walker is a former Metro Nashville Public Schools educator, a former Executive Director of Family and Community Partnerships at MNPS, and currently works at Conexión Américas as the Senior Director of Education Programs and Policy; and

WHEREAS, while teaching at Overton High School in Nashville, Ms. Pupo-Walker implemented the district's first Spanish Heritage classes and went on to become a Community School Coordinator at Glencliff High School where she assisted the school in earning a National Community School of Excellence Award in 2010; and

WHEREAS, in addition to career in education, Ms. Pupo-Walker serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Family, School and Community Engagement, the Board of the Nashville Public Library, the Executive Board of Trust of the Memorial Foundation, the Board of Directors of Nashville State Community College Foundation, the board of FUTURO, the Advisory Board of the Tennessee Educational Research Alliance, the Advisory Board of NAZA Family and Children's Services, and the Advisory Board of Nashville Public Television; and

WHEREAS, Gini Pupo-Walker has spent her career focused on improving education and expanding opportunity for students and families, and she brings over 20 years of experience in education to the District 8 school board seat; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council congratulate Ana Escobar and Gini Pupo-Walker upon their historic elections and recognize their many years of service to the citizens of Nashville and Davidson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing and congratulating Ana Escobar upon her election as Division III General Sessions Judge, and Gini Pupo-Walker upon her election to the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Board for District 8.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council Office is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented to Ana Escobar and Gini Pupo-Walker.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

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