

Alderman Daniel "Danny" Solis

25th Ward Chicago

On the Issues—Environment

I believe creating a clean environment for our children is one of the top priorities for urban legislators. During my ten years as Alderman, we have managed to increase green space by more than ten acres in the 25th Ward.

We have used a large amount of the money in the Pilsen TIF (tax increment financing) to clean up the polluted portion of the industrial corridor, particularly the area contaminated during the Silver Shovel Scandal in the 1990's. We have removed over 846,360 cubic yards of waste and still have on-going projects to continue cleaning our land.

I have worked with Midwest Generation to install \$30 million low-nox burners and invest in a \$1 million beautification plan.

I have worked with community groups, the city and state departments of environment, and the governor's office to insure Midwest Generation agrees to make its coal burning plant green by 2015 or the site will be shut down.

We have invested over \$170,000 in more than 52 community gardens. I am currently working with one of my community advisory boards, the Pilsen Planning Committee, on an ambitious green space project to be named the Pilsen Paseo.

And we have invested over \$14 Million in our parks which provide green space for recreational use.



About Alderman Danny Solis

Danny Solis was appointed alderman in 1996 by Mayor Richard M. Daley.

As alderman, Solis has focused on job creation and physical improvements in the 25th ward. A few examples of physical improvement in the 25th Ward, or Lower West Side, are an expanded National Museum of Mexican Art, the Ping Tom Memorial Park, an improved and award winning rehabilitation of the Archer Court Senior housing development, and continued infrastructure improvements throughout the ward. Solis also encouraged and negotiated with the International Produce Market and American Linen Company to stay and/or locate

in the 25th Wards Planned Manufacturing District (PMD) which has brought and continues to bring jobs and capital to the community.

Throughout his career as alderman, Solis has been an ally of Mayor Daley. Appointed President Pro Tempore of the City Council in 2001, he oversees council proceedings in the mayor's absence.

Solis serves on seven committees: Budget and Government Operations; Committees, Rules and Ethics; Finance; Education; Health; Human Relations; and Police and Fire.

Ward 25 Boundaries



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The **National Museum of Mexican Art** is a museum which features Mexican, Latino, and Chicano art and culture. The museum was founded in 1982 by Carlos Tortolero, is located in the neighborhood of Pilsen in Chicago, Illinois, in Harrison Park and opened on March 27, 1987. The museum is the only Latino museum accredited by the American Association of Museums. The mission of the museum is to display Mexican culture as one sin fronteras (without borders).

Ping Tom Memorial Park: a 12-acre public urban park in Chicago near Chinatown located at 19th St. and South Branch of Chicago River. It is owned and operated by Chicago Park District.

The park is unique because it has many Chinese accents, including a riverfront pavilion and bamboo gardens. The park is a popular destination, especially when the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce organizes a dragon boat race. In 2008, the Chicago Water Taxi added weekend service to the park.



Alderman Danny Solis was inducted into the Chicago 25th Ward Environmental Hall of Fame World Environment Week, June 6, 2009