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Statement on behalf of Friends of the Parks' Board Chair Lauren Moltz on the Latest Results of the Obama Presidential Center Court Case

“Friends of the Parks has long welcomed the Obama Presidential Center to the south side of Chicago to honor the leadership and legacy of President Barack Obama. This project offers Chicago the opportunity to serve as a standard bearer and inspiration for the values and integrity that we prize in our former President, such as his judicious, respectful and inclusive approach to the political process. Because of the chosen location of the Obama Presidential Center, and Jackson Park’s historic significance, we must allow the entirety of the Section 106 process to run its course for which we, along with many others, are a consulting party. While Friends of the Parks is not a participant in the Protect Our Parks lawsuit, in the spirit through which the OPC wants to engage democratic processes, the legal challenge will be decided in the courts. ”

Friends of the Parks is a forty-three year old nonprofit whose mission is to inspire, equip, and mobilize a diverse Chicago to ensure an equitable park system for a healthy Chicago.

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