

AWARD HONORARY DEGREE, CHICAGO

Action: Award Honorary Doctorate Degree

Funding: No New Funding Required

The University of Illinois at Chicago Senate has nominated the following person for conferral of an honorary degree at the College of Medicine Commencement ceremony on May 5, 2017. The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends approval of this nomination.

Miguel Ángel Mancera Espinosa, Head of Government of the Federal District (Mayor of Mexico City) -- the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters

Miguel Ángel Mancera Espinosa has served as the Mayor of Mexico City (officially known as the Head of Government of the Federal District) since 2012. Mr. Mancera is widely regarded as one of Mexico's most effective political leaders, and his administration has distinguished itself for significant advances in healthcare and administrative reform, as well as for his opposition to human trafficking.

Mr. Mancera possesses a distinguished record as a professor and legal scholar, who began his career as an undergraduate at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) studying law. He was awarded the Gabino Barrera medal, the nation's preeminent prize given to Mexico's top students from the UNAM. He has a master's degree from the University of Barcelona and the Metropolitan University at Azcapotzalco. In 2002, he earned a Juris Doctor from the Faculty of Law of the UNAM and his thesis on "*El injusto en la tentativa y la graduacion de su pena en el derecho penal mexicano*" (Injustice and disparity in Mexican criminal sentencing) has become mandatory reading for Mexican scholars of law in this field. He published several books and chapters in scholarly collections, and lectured throughout Mexico and abroad. During his tenure as a member of the Faculty of Law of the UNAM, he was the recipient of multiple scholarly awards and was regarded as one of the leading professors at the UNAM.

His vocation for public service extended into the municipal government of Mexico City, serving as advisor to municipal officials and appointed as the Legal Director of the Social Development Secretariat, before serving as Attorney General of Mexico City in 2008. As Attorney General, his office obtained Ethics Certification from the Instituto de Acceso a la Información Pública del Distrito Federal (Mexico City's Public Access Institute) and created an internet access program to improve transparency and data access to its citizens. According to official reports, the average annual crime in Mexico City decreased by 3.5 percent annually from 2007 through 2011.

As Mayor of Mexico City since 2012, he has been recognized nationally and internationally for his progressive stance and promotion of social justice in one of the world's largest cities. He has championed the use of house calls by physicians to improve access to healthcare and limit the stress on hospitals when there is no emergency involved; cities throughout the world have emulated this project. Mr. Mancera began a voluntary disarmament campaign throughout all of Mexico City's boroughs from 2012 through 2015. He has actively worked to improve policing and to combat human trafficking of women and children, a continuation from his work as Attorney General and has been publicly recognized as the recipient of the Latin American Prize for Life and Security of Women and Girls in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mr. Mancera began a major urban renewal project, Corredor Cultural Creative Chapultepec-Zona Rosa (Creative Cultural Corridor), to promote the preservation of a historical district, which received the International Architecture Award in Urban Planning by the Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The President of the University recommends approval.