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## We Won!

Dear Friend:

We did it! After months of hard work, hours of phone calls, dozens of coffees, hundreds of volunteers knocking on doors and literally thousands of envelopes stuffed, we reached our goal last night and **won the election for 43rd Ward Alderman!**

The numbers are all in and the results are **51.18%** of the vote for us and **48.82%** of the vote for our opponent. Those are the final results We have won the election!

I want to thank each and every one of you who supported me in this election. I truly could not have done it without you. This is Our Victory.

I am humbled and overwhelmed by the faith you have placed in me and the friendship you have shown me. All along this road to victory it has been your kindness and belief in me that have sustained me.

A victory such as ours is a real team effort. And our fantastic campaign staff and team of volunteers stand second to none. Our precinct workers, phonebankers, pollwatchers and passers created this victory. It belongs to all of you!

I do not take your support lightly. I share a vision with you of a 43rd Ward where the voices of the community are truly heard. A 43rd Ward where independent ideas and values are respected and are the rule of the day.

I look forward to acting as *your* voice in the City Council and as *your* advocate for the services to which you are entitled.

I promise we will host a celebration soon where we can share our stories from the trenches and enjoy each others' company. We will let you know all the details soon.

Again, thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

With gratitude,

**43rd Ward Alderman Elect Michele Smith**

**PS:**

**You can watch me on Channel 11 WTTW's *Chicago Tonight* this evening at 7 pm!**

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