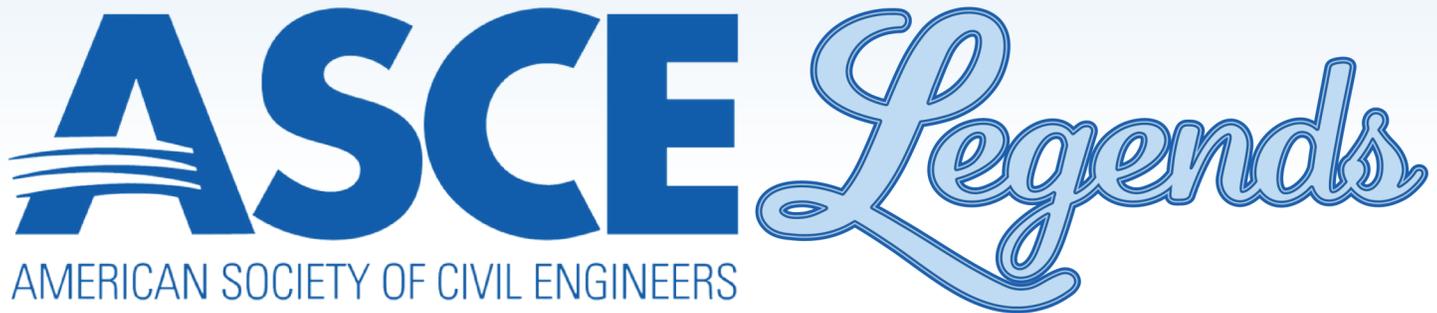


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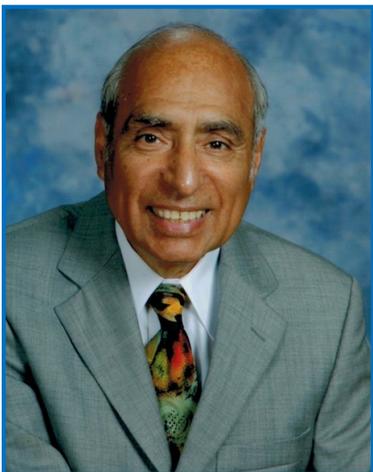
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Legend Presentation by M. FRANK AVILA

Commissioner Frank Avila, the son of Mexican immigrants, was born and raised on the Near West Side of Chicago. He has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and a M.S. in Finance from the University of Arizona, Tucson. With over 59 years of combined experience as a Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor in the State of Illinois, he understands the technical, environmental, and financial side of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) projects. He also understands the hard work and difficulties small business owners face from his experience as a small, minority business owner.



Professional Engineer, Land Surveyor, and Environmentalist, Frank Avila was elected to the MWRD for a six-year term in 2002 and re-elected in 2008 and 2014. One of his first jobs out of engineering school was at the MWRD, where he was inspired by the ambitious civil engineering projects that improved the health, welfare, and environment of the Greater Chicago area. In 1975, Frank started his own engineering company, Avila & Associates, Inc., but he never forgot his early formative experiences working for the MWRD. After 26 successful years in his engineering business, Frank sold his company and decided to lead a life of public service, by returning to the agency that started his career. Since his election in 2002, Frank Avila helped the MWRD stay on the forefront of fiscally sound and environmentally forward policy. As former Chairman of Finance, he ensured that the MWRD maintains AAA bond ratings, undertook pension reform, created local jobs, and added billions to the local economy.

Commissioner Frank Avila received many awards including the following: "Citizen Engineer of the Year 2012" award from the Illinois section of the American Society of Civil Engineers; "President's Award" (2013) from the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers for his work to protect the health and safety of the public and protect the quality of water in the Chicago area waterways; 2015 Water Environment Federation (WEF) Public Officials Award; and, the "Paul Harris Fellow Award 2016" from the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

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