

Renaissance Schools Fund Board List January 2009

According to their web site, <http://www.newschoolschicago.org/>, the Renaissance Schools Fund is an independent nonprofit organization that serves as the partner in the fundraising, strategy and accountability for Renaissance 2010. The functions of The Renaissance Schools Fund are to:

- * Help raise \$50 million for new school planning, incubation and ramp-up operations
- * Partner with CPS on the selection of and investment in new Renaissance 2010 schools
- * Develop strategies and solutions that support autonomy and long-term success of new schools
- * Recruit high-quality education organizations and support school capacity increases
- * Build awareness and demand for choice
- * Support accountability and performance reporting of new schools

In other words, the Renaissance Schools Fund bankrolls and makes decisions for Mayor Daley's Renaissance 2010 program.

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Lula Ford was appointed to the ICC in 2003. She was reappointed in 2008. Her term expires in January 2013. She is the first African-American woman to serve on the ICC in its 95-year history. Ford served for 35 year in CPS as an elementary schoolteacher, administrator, and principal.

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Evans Food Products Company, Inc. is the largest private label pork rind manufacturer on Earth, Mexican pork rind manufacturers, Alejandro Silva, Carlos Silva, and Jose Garza purchased Evans in 1985. By the early 2000s, Evans Food Products was still headquartered at its plant on South Halsted, with manufacturing facilities in Texas, Ohio, and Mexico. Boasting annual revenues near \$70 million, Evans was the world's top pork rind business, and one of Chicago's largest minority-owned firms. It employed about 100 people in Chicago and almost 150 more in its three other locations.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Alejandro Silva, 57, was named to the Boards of Directors of PrivateBancorp, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, The PrivateBank and Trust Company, Chicago, it was announced today.

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