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of the
CITY COUNCIL
of the
CITY of CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Inaugural Meeting – Monday, May 20, 2019
at 10:30 AM.
(Wintrust Arena – Chicago, Illinois)

OFFICIAL RECORD.

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
Mayor

ANDREA M. VALENCIA
City Clerk
MUSICAL PRELUDE.

The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus, led by Artistic Director Jimmy Morehead, performed a series of musical selections including "World".

The ensemble from the Puerto Rican Arts Alliance, led by Founder and Executive Director Carlos Hernandez-Falcon, performed a series of musical selections.

The After School Matters Choir, led by Directors Daniel Henry and Jean Hendricks, performed a series of musical selections including "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and "Rise Up".

The Native American Veterans Group of Trickster Art Gallery, led by Courte Tribe and Chief Executive Officer Joseph Podlasek Ojibwe Lac Oreilles, and the Ribbon Town Drum from Pokagon Band of Potawatomi performed the ceremony dedication.

The Merit School of Music, comprised of Joshua Mhoon, piano, and Steven Baloue, violin, performed a musical selection.

Chicago Sinfonietta – Project Inclusion, led by Executive Director Jim Hirsch and comprised of Danielle Taylor, violin; Fahad Awan, violin; Seth Pae, viola; and Victor Sotelo, cello, performed a series of musical selections, including "At Last" and "Chicago".

INTRODUCTION OF 2019 – 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS-ELECT.

Each of the members-elect of the 2019 – 2023 City Council of Chicago was introduced as they entered the arena.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS.

The following special guests were introduced:

Mr. Mark Flessner, Corporation Council appointee for the City of Chicago;

The Honorable Kim Foxx, Cook County State's Attorney;
The Honorable Edward Moody, Cook County Recorder of Deeds;
The Honorable Karen Yarbrough, Clerk of Cook County;
The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County;
The Honorable Fritz Kaegi, Cook County Assessor;
The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President;
Ms. Kathy Byrne;
The Honorable David Orr;
The Honorable John Cullerton, President of the Illinois State Senate;
The Honorable Susana Mendoza, Comptroller of the State of Illinois;
The Honorable Jesse White, Secretary of State of Illinois;
The Honorable Kwame Raoul, Attorney General for the State of Illinois;
The Honorable Juliana Stratton, Lieutenant Governor of Illinois;
The Honorable Bobby Rush, 1st Congressional District of Illinois;
The Honorable Robyn Kelly, 2nd Congressional District of Illinois;
The Honorable Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, 4th Congressional District of Illinois;
The Honorable Richard M. Daley and Ms. Nora Daley;
Reverend Doctor L. Bernard Jakes;
Imam Tariq El-Amin;
Reverend Doctor Beth Brown;
Rabbi Capers Funnye, Jr.;
Father Thomas J. Hurley;
The Honorable Mary C. Marubio;
The Honorable P. Scott Neville, Jr.;
The Honorable Susan E. Cox;
Governor of the State of Illinois the Honorable J.B. Pritzker and First Lady M.K. Pritzker;
United States Senator of the State of Illinois the Honorable Tammy Duckworth;
United States Senator of the State of Illinois the Honorable Richard Durbin.

INTRODUCTION OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Honorable Andrea M. Valencia, City Clerk of the City of Chicago, accompanied by Mr. Reyahd Kazmi;

The Honorable Melissa Conyears-Ervin, Treasurer-elect of the City of Chicago, accompanied by Mrs. Eula Conyears;

The Honorable Rahm Emanuel, Mayor of the City of Chicago, accompanied by Ms. Amy Rule;

The Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor-elect of the City of Chicago, accompanied by Ms. Amy Eshleman and Vivian Lightfoot.

Call To Order.

On Monday, May 20, 2019, at 10:30 A.M., the Honorable Rahm Emanuel, Mayor, called the City Council to order.

POSTING OF THE COLORS.

Members of the Phoenix Military Academy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps posted the colors.
Pledge Of Allegiance.

Arturo Ballesteros of Back of the Yards College Prep led the City Council and assembled guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Miguel Cervantes, accompanied by the Chicago Sinfonietta, performed the National Anthem.

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Invocation.

The Reverend Dr. L. Bernard Jakes, Senior Pastor of West Point Missionary Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

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PRESENTATION OF MUSICAL SELECTION.

Alfreda Burke and Roderick Dixon, accompanied by Fred Nelson III, performed "Make Them Hear You".

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PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE.

Imam Tariq I. El-Amin of Masjid Al-Taqwa offered a prayer for guidance.
OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO HONORABLE ANDREA MARIE VALENCIA AS CITY CLERK OF CHICAGO.

[5/20/2019-89]

The Honorable Mary C. Marubio, Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, administered the Oath of Office prescribed by statute to the Honorable Andrea Marie Valencia as City Clerk of the City of Chicago, which oath was subscribed to by City Clerk Valencia and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO ALDERMEN-ELECT.

[5/20/2019-38 through 5/20/2019-87]

The Honorable Andrea M. Valencia, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to the aldermen-elect, which oaths of office were subscribed to by the aldermen and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Determination Of Quorum.

The Honorable Andrea M. Valencia, City Clerk, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Aldermen La Spata, Hopkins, Dowell, King, Hairston, Sawyer, Mitchell, Harris, Beale, Sadlowski Garza, Thompson, Cárdenas, Quinn, Burke, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, Curtis, O'Shea, Taylor, Brookins, Rodriguez, Tabares, Scott, Sigcho-Lopez, Maldonado, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Reboyras, Cardona, Waguespack, Rodriguez-Sanchez, Austin, Ramirez-Rosa, Villegas, Mits, Sposato, Nugent, Vasquez, Napolitano, Reilly, Smith, Tunney, Gardiner, Cappleman, Martin, Osterman, Hadden, Silverstein -- 50.

Quorum present.

Placed On File -- STATEMENTS OF RETURNS AND PROCLAMATION OF RESULTS CONCERNING ELECTION OF MAYOR, CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER AND ALDERMEN.

[5/20/2019-35]

The Honorable Andrea M. Valencia, City Clerk, thereupon presented for the record the following communication confirming the election of the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Aldermen:
May 13, 2019.

Honorable Anna M. Valencia
City Clerk of the City of Chicago
Room 107 – City Hall
121 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Clerk Valencia:

My office has received a signed proclamation from Chair Marisel A. Hernandez, Commissioner William J. Kresse and Commissioner Jonathan T. Swain of the Board of Election Commissioners, City of Chicago, dated March 13, 2019 and April 18, 2019, proclaiming the results of the February 26, 2019 Municipal General Election and the April 2, 2019 Municipal Runoff Election and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections for the City of Chicago, respectively. Listed below are those candidates who were elected to their respective offices at these elections.

Lori Lightfoot* Mayor, City of Chicago
Melissa Conyears-Ervin* City Treasurer, City of Chicago
Anna M. Valencia City Clerk, City of Chicago
Daniel La Spata Alderman, City of Chicago, 1st Ward
Brian Hopkins Alderman, City of Chicago, 2nd Ward
Patricia “Pat” Dowell Alderman, City of Chicago, 3rd Ward
Sophia King Alderman, City of Chicago, 4th Ward
Leslie A. Hairston* Alderman, City of Chicago, 5th Ward
Roderick T. Sawyer* Alderman, City of Chicago, 6th Ward
Gregory I. Mitchell Alderman, City of Chicago, 7th Ward
Michelle A. Harris Alderman, City of Chicago, 8th Ward
Anthony A. Beale Alderman, City of Chicago, 9th Ward
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Carlos Ramirez-Rosa Alderman, City of Chicago, 35th Ward
Gilbert Villegas Alderman, City of Chicago, 36th Ward
Emma M. Mitts Alderman, City of Chicago, 37th Ward
Nicholas Sposato Alderman, City of Chicago, 38th Ward
Samantha “Sam” Nugent* Alderman, City of Chicago, 39th Ward
André Vasquez* Alderman, City of Chicago, 40th Ward
Anthony V. Napolitano Alderman, City of Chicago, 41st Ward
Brendan Reilly Alderman, City of Chicago, 42nd Ward
Michele Smith* Alderman, City of Chicago, 43rd Ward
Tom Tunney Alderman, City of Chicago, 44th Ward
James “Jim” Gardiner Alderman, City of Chicago, 45th Ward
James Cappleman* Alderman, City of Chicago, 46th Ward
Matt Martin* Alderman, City of Chicago, 47th Ward
Harry Osterman Alderman, City of Chicago, 48th Ward
Maria Hadden Alderman, City of Chicago, 49th Ward
Debra L. Silverstein Alderman, City of Chicago, 50th Ward

Note: Those candidates elected at the Municipal Runoff Election Supplementary Aldermanic Elections are designated by an asterisk (*) next to their names.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Karen A. Yarbrough
Cook County Clerk
APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BONDS FOR MAYOR, CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER.

The Honorable Andrea M. Valencia, City Clerk, thereupon presented the official bond of the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot as Mayor of the City of Chicago, in the penal sum of $1,000,000.00, with The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, as surety, her official bond as City Clerk of the City of Chicago, in the penal sum of $1,000,000.00, with The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, as surety, and the official bond of the Honorable Melissa Conyears-Ervin as Treasurer of the City of Chicago, in the penal sum of $2,000,000.00, with The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, as surety.

On motion of Alderman O'Shea, each of the bonds was Approved by a viva voce vote.

PRAYER FOR PEACE.

The Reverend Dr. Beth Brown of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church offered a prayer for peace.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO HONORABLE MELISSA CONYEARS-ERVIN AS CITY TREASURER OF CHICAGO.

The Honorable P. Scott Neville, Jr., Supreme Court Justice of the First District of the Illinois Supreme Court, administered the Oath of Office prescribed by statute to the Honorable Melissa Conyears-Ervin as City Treasurer of the City of Chicago, which oath was subscribed to by Treasurer Conyears-Ervin and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

BLESSING.

Rabbi Capers C. Funnye, Jr. of Beth Shalom B'Nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation delivered the blessing.
OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO HONORABLE LORI E. LIGHTFOOT AS MAYOR OF CHICAGO.

[F2019-37]

The Honorable Susan E. Cox, Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, administered the Oath of Office to the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot as Mayor of the City of Chicago, which oath was subscribed to by Mayor Lightfoot and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY HONORABLE LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR.

The Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor, thereupon addressed the City Council and assembled guests, as follows:

I stand here as your mayor, humble and hopeful, honored to be the 56th mayor in the history of this great city.

We are a proud city with a proud history.

In this moment, I cannot help but look at all of you and think about what lies ahead and what we can be together. I’m looking ahead to a city of safe streets and strong schools for every child regardless of neighborhood or zip code. A city where people want to grow old and not flee. A city of sanctuary against fear where no one must hide in the shadows. A city that is affordable for families and seniors and where every job pays a living wage. A city of fairness and hope and prosperity for the many, not just for the few, a city that holds equity and inclusion as our guiding principles.

Chicago is not where my story began, but from the moment I arrived in Hyde Park to attend law school and begin my career, this city felt like where I belonged. It’s where I met the love of my life, my wife, Amy. It’s where our daughter, Vivian, was born and where she’s growing up into the kind, curious, and spirited young woman I always knew she would be.

For me, this has been a city of opportunity. It’s been a city of hope.

As I stand here today, I can’t help but think of where I came from -- and I know, in my heart, that a story like mine of a kid from a working class family growing up to realize the dreams of my father and mother through education, hard work and sheer determination needs to be the story of possibility in every neighborhood. Kids who look like me and come from families like mine shouldn’t have to beat the odds to get an education, pursue their passions, or build a family. Black and brown kids, low-income kids, every kid in this
city should grow up knowing they can pursue anything, they can love anyone -- that's my Chicago dream.

I know we're just a little bit closer to that dream as I stand here today, inaugurated as Chicago's first Black woman and first openly gay mayor. I know we're a little bit closer as we celebrate that, for the first time in the history of Chicago, women of color now hold all three of our city-wide elected offices.

I congratulate you, City Clerk Anna Valencia and City Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin, on your inaugurations, your victories, and on all you've overcome to reach this historic moment. I also congratulate the aldermen of the Chicago City Council -- in particular, the 12 aldermen who are taking their seats for the first time.

I thank Mayor Emanuel for his dedication and service to our city, which was exemplified by the attention and time that he and his staff devoted to making this transition as smooth as possible. I also commend Amy Rule for her contributions to the city. Join me in wishing them both well as they head off into the next chapter of their lives.

I also acknowledge and thank the other leaders here today: Governor JB Pritzker, Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, Senator Dick Durbin, Senator Tammy Duckworth, our Illinois congressional delegation, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, representatives from our state legislature, and every other elected official here today. Thank you for your continued service.

Most importantly, thank you to the people of Chicago, who had the courage to put their faith in a newcomer and the optimism to join this moment. We stand today at a time of great hope and possibility. And I can't help but feel the spirit of the great Mayor Harold Washington here with us this morning.

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Now there's one person you are about to meet who laid the foundation for everything that I am today. I want to introduce you to a former elected official with us today -- a one-time school board member from my hometown of Massillon, Ohio.

She's my role model, my champion. The woman whose dreams and high expectations for me propelled me through life, my mother, Ann Lightfoot.

My mom is 90 years old -- forgive me for that one, Mom -- and doesn't travel much these days. But nothing could keep her or my siblings -- Derrick, Angela, Brian, and Stacey -- from being here today.

My mother and my late father Elijah gave us the best they could in the segregated Ohio steel town where we grew up, even when they had almost nothing left to give.
As parents, they led by example. They instilled in me a clear set of values: loyalty to family, friends, and community; and the importance of hard work, education, and integrity.

And, Mom, most importantly, you and Dad told me that I could be anything I wanted to be. That I could not be held back by my race, gender, or family financial status. That I should hold my head high and not let anyone else dictate the course of my future. That no goal was out of reach, that no victory was too unlikely to pursue.

I feel Dad's presence with us today.

My gratitude to you both has no limit. Just like when I was a little girl, I'm working hard to make you proud. To honor your sacrifice, to live by the values you instilled in me, to make sure that families like ours don't have to struggle like we did.

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I look out today and see a proud city with a proud history...

Here in Chicago...right here...

...our people invented the skyscraper and the Ferris Wheel...

...here...our people invented our own Chicago blues...

Our people.

Generations of industrious, hardworking people...who built one of the greatest cities to ever grace God's earth.

I stand here today as your Mayor...humble and hopeful...and I make one solemn promise to the generations who came before us and to the generations who come after us:

We will continue to build this great city...and leave it better, stronger, fairer, and more prosperous than we found it.

The challenges we face today did not arise overnight...

...and they will not be solved overnight...

...and they certainly won't be solved by one Mayor acting alone.
In this important moment, let us remember the powerful words of Chicago's poet laureate Gwendolyn Brooks.

"We are each other's harvest", she said.

"We are each other's business; we are each other's magnitude and bond".

Folks, we are and must be in this together.

Our challenges can only be solved if we face them together.

We cannot fail.

We will not fail.

We are Chicago.

I also remember so many people I've met in this city who can't be here today.

The big guy who came to hear me speak and then followed me outside on a cold blustery day on the Southeast Side and pleaded "Lori, just bring us jobs...just bring us jobs. We want to work".

The teenagers I met on the South Side...kicked out of their homes...and left on the streets at night in the bitter cold...with no food and no shelter...just because they are gay or trans.

The father on the West Side who told me he was scared...scared to death...every time his three daughters left the house. Those girls are his whole world and he's worried somebody is going to gun them down.

The countless number of people whose daily fear is that ICE would come for them as they took their kids to school, stood as day laborers, or just walked in their neighborhoods.

We should never forget that these are the people who put us here.

We are each other's business.

And standing up for them is our business...our only business.
There are four stars on Chicago's flag, each standing for a point in our history—the construction of Fort Dearborn...the great expositions of 1893 and 1933...and the reconstruction of our city following the Great Chicago Fire.

Each star stands for building and rebuilding.

Today, we proudly reinterpret these four stars new meaning for a new century, with new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead...guiding our city...and guiding our new administration...as we move forward and rebuild again.

Today, we reimagine the first star standing for safety, in every neighborhood.

People cannot...and should not...live in neighborhoods that resemble a war zone.

Enough of the shootings. Enough of the guns. Enough of the violence.

Let's unite in our response to the biggest challenge we face: the epidemic of gun violence that devastates families, shatters communities, buries dreams, and holds children hostage to fear in their own homes. It inflicts life-long trauma that spreads through our communities like a virus.

When we hear of a random bullet cutting a life short, people across the city -- from all ages and all walks of life -- begin to wonder if Chicago is a place where they can continue to live and raise their children. Some have already answered the question by moving away, particularly from the hardest hit communities. The mass exodus we have seen, particularly in the Black community, saps the vitality of our great city. We must reverse the exodus by creating the reality of safety in every neighborhood. Public safety must not be a commodity that is only available to the wealthy.

What this means for me is that there is no higher calling than restoring safety and peace in our neighborhoods. We will develop a new, proactive strategy in partnership with the communities hit hardest by the scourge of gun violence. All of our stakeholders must be committed to this work. This is not a challenge that can be solved by law enforcement alone, nor will we ever place the blame on people in communities who are under siege. No, this greatest challenge demands all of us, united together. And I promise you, the city will lead and we've already begun this work.

To lead the citywide response, we are creating a Mayor's Office of Public Safety, to be led by a Deputy Mayor. That office will be charged with developing and implementing a comprehensive violence-prevention strategy that will connect efforts across city
government, other aspects of the public sector, and nonprofit, philanthropic, education, recreation, business and faith communities. It will seek to mobilize the entire city behind a unified strategy to prevent violence and promote public safety.

And while we will specifically address gun violence, we will not limit our efforts there. The devastation of violence is far and wide which is why we will also reach out and support the growing community of victims and witnesses. We must recognize the importance of providing a transition for our returning citizens. And we will accelerate the development of a trauma-informed city starting with repairing our broken mental health safety net.

We will also continue the hard, but essential work of forging partnerships between police officers and the community premised on mutual respect, accountability, and a recognition that the destinies of police and community are inextricably intertwined. One simply cannot succeed without the other.

And to all of our brave first responders, we will not leave you behind either. You deserve not only our respect but our commitment to train you better, provide the best quality supervision available, and wellness support to address the trauma that you face every day.

These are critical pieces of police reform and accountability.

We are each other’s business.

We are each other’s neighbors.

And...together...we will work tirelessly to bring peace to this city.

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Our second guiding star is education.

We cannot attract families to Chicago...and keep families here...without providing a quality public education...for every child...and that means every single child.

As a city, we make promises to our children, as well. Most of all, we promise them an education -- a safe, relevant, and challenging education that prepares them for meaningful work, civic engagement and life-long learning.

But whether we deliver on that promise often depends on where you happen to live. It’s time to give every child and young person a good education, to prove through our schools that we believe in them, that we support them -- no matter who they are or where they live. That every child gets a quality education -- that’s our business, no matter what.
Someone said to me recently that children are a product of the adult ecosystem around them, and she was 100 percent right. Our words, our values, how we meet our commitments and rise to the occasion -- it all matters. We’re shaping the future leaders of our city, and when we put equity first in our education system, when we make good on a promise that every kid matters, it will instill within our children the values we seek to foster in our city as a whole.

That promise must begin early -- that’s why we will work to expand early childhood education, and extend the promise of a good education through high school and college, and to every kid, no matter their path forward. Every student should have the option to pursue vocational and technical training. We will work with businesses and unions to set up apprenticeships for those who want to learn a trade. We will then connect Chicago’s employers with our job-ready students while they’re in school, so they can get to work the day they graduate.

And we will support our great teachers, counselors, librarians, nurses and other support personnel who are essential to creating the safe and nurturing environment necessary for our children to grow, learn and thrive.

Let me also say that I’m thrilled to see so many young people in the audience -- my next few words are for you and all of your peers across the city: you have the most at stake in the city’s future, just as the city’s future most depends on you.

We need your energy, creativity, intelligence, and dedication. There’s hard work ahead of us. But we will do that work, because we believe in you and in the vast, still-untapped potential of this great city.

Our goal is simple: starting in our schools, we will create a citywide workforce as the pipeline for jobs of today and tomorrow that will be the envy of the world.

We are each other’s business.

And we must meet our educational challenges...together.

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The third of our guiding stars is stability.

To be true to the notion of stability, we must start with getting our fiscal house in order.

Over many, many years Chicago dug itself into a giant financial hole.

We have an outsize structural deficit, a persistent and growing pension debt, and other costs that threatens our financial stability. We are spending a significant percentage of every dollar just to service our pension debt alone and too much of that money is being
sent to banks and Wall Street bond firms instead of going to rebuild our neighborhoods, reduce our property taxes and revitalize our transportation system.

We must tackle this problem head on.

My team has already been doing the necessary work of measuring the size and depth of our fiscal challenges, as well as working on a range of possible solutions. Once that analysis is complete, we will lay out a plan to put Chicago on the path to solvency.

No doubt some hard choices will have to be made and none of this is going to be easy. But we will do the hard work with transparency, integrity and a determination to put our pensions on a true path to solvency, and make our government work more efficiently, and without balancing budgets on the backs of low wage and working-class Chicagoans. And we will get there...because we must.

Stability also means that we must build housing that is affordable for more people, including families. Long term residents -- whether homeowners or renters -- should not be forced out of their neighborhoods when it goes through a period of transformation.

And developers can no longer skip their responsibilities by taking tax dollars but leaving it to someone else to solve our affordable housing crisis.

Here too, the City must lead. We need to cut the red tape and obstacles and instead promote the building of new units and have flexibility in our building code so that innovative housing forms can come on line.

We must also have a plan for expanding home ownership and converting vacant lots and abandoned buildings into new vibrant communities. Growth of housing that is affordable, all over this city, will be the charge of the new housing department under new leadership.

Stability also means support for our business community...large and small.

Strong businesses...growing businesses...new businesses...mean jobs for people...and stability for the city.

We need fairness...which means paying as much attention to our neighborhood businesses as we do to the businesses downtown.

Our neighborhoods have been neglected for too long. They cannot be anymore.

Still, we should never settle for dividing up a shrinking pie or pitting one part of this city against another.

Chicago is the economic engine of Illinois and the whole Midwest.

As with everything, we are each other's business.
We need to grow...and grow...and grow...together.
Our fourth star must be integrity.

I know, I know...putting Chicago government and integrity in the same sentence is...well...a little strange.

But that's going to change.

It's got to change.

For years, they've said Chicago ain't ready for reform.

Well, get ready...because reform is here.

I campaigned on change, you voted for change, and I plan to deliver change to our government.

That means restoring trust in our city's government and finally bringing some real integrity to the way this city works.

It means making sure we have a government that actually works for people, not a powerful few.

It's about the real harm done to our families and businesses when those with power and money cash in at our expense.

When public officials cut shady backroom deals, they get rich...and the rest of us get the bill.

When some people get their property taxes cut in exchange for campaign cash, they get the money...and...sure enough...we get the bill.

The family with the bungalow...the lady who runs the hair salon...the guy who owns the store on the corner...they aren't big or powerful or well-connected...but they end up paying.

These practices have gone on here for decades. This practice breeds corruption.

Stopping it isn't just in the city's interest.

It's in the City Council's own interest.

No official in the City of Chicago...elected or appointed...should ever profit from his or her office.
Never. Ever.

This requirement that people must give more to get access to basic city services must end.

And it will end, starting today.

Later this afternoon, I will sign an executive order to end the worst abuses of so-called Aldermanic privilege.

This does not mean our Aldermen won’t have power in their communities. It does not mean our Aldermen won’t be able to make sure the streetlights are working...or the parking signs are in the right place...or any of the thousands of good things they do for people every day.

It simply means ending their unilateral, unchecked control over on every single thing that goes on on their wards. Aldermen will have a voice, not a veto.

It’s time for a new era of trust between the people of Chicago and the government that serves them.

When our poet said “we are each other’s bond” that’s what she meant.

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As I stand here today, Georgia is also on my mind, as is Alabama and every other state that is enacting laws intended to deprive women of our rights. We must stand with women all across our country who fear for their basic rights and feel powerless in the face of the hateful legislation designed to control our bodies, our choices. We cannot go back -- not in Chicago, not as a nation. We will join together and we will fight.

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And there’s something else we must do, for ourselves and our posterity.

We will establish a new Social Compact here in Chicago based on a simple principle shared by every major religion in the world.

It goes by many names.

In Buddhism it says, “hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful”.

In the Quran, it says, “whoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved all mankind”.
It is in the Torah...and again in the New Testament, it is called the Great Commandment: “love thy neighbor as thyself”.

Today, too many of our people lack decent housing and far too many end up on our streets.

Today, too many of our people feel isolated and alone. And as our senior population increases, we must meet the needs of those without family or friends for support.

Today...as we prepare to enter the third decade of the twenty first century...one out of every five children in Chicago still lives in poverty.

Addressing the problems of housing...isolation...and poverty in our great city is just as important as anything else we may do...and far harder to solve.

But tackle these problems we must.

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I heard a century-old hymn in church the other day. A song that I know from my youth of so many Sundays sitting in church, listening to the working class people in my congregation, who toiled in factories, kitchens, or outside and came to the church for a respite from their otherwise hard days.

We sang this song:

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,

Hear my humble cry;

While on others Thou art calling,

Do not pass me by.

In that moment, it was our plea to God to shine his light on us and relieve us from our heavy labors. As I reflect on this day and what lies ahead, it means that we must not forget or ignore the plight of so many for whom joy often does not come in the morning. Whether it is the homeless, people living with mental illness, those desperate for love and recognition, we will not pass them by. As we pursue our new stars, this will be our guiding light.
To those who are alone, we are with you.
To those who need a home, we will shelter you.
For those who have little, we will do much.
We see you.
We hear you.
We are your neighbors.
And...so help me...we will not pass you by.

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I stand before you representing tens of thousands of people from all over the city who daily contribute their time, talent, and resources in the cause of making a difference not just today but if we are bold, our collective efforts will resonate for years to come. Our people, friends and neighbors, known and unknown, at the block level, in our places of worship, in our community organizations and just individuals who want to make a difference have stepped up and contributed mightily to what is the greatness of the city.

I will have the privilege of leading but clearly a single leader cannot by herself conquer all of the challenges that would be present on day one. We all have to be part of that solution. We all must make the sacrifices necessary to identify problems and forge solutions. And, my friends, we must not merely depend on the politicians, the preachers, the police, the teachers, the activists and others to show us the way. We can no longer continue to cede control of our destiny to someone else.

Each of us needs to ask what can I do? What contributions can I make? You may not be the richest, the smartest or even the most able, but ask yourself are you ready to serve in some way because our city surely needs you.

What has been the most amazing and humbling part of the experience in a journey that I have traveled particularly over these last few months is the tremendous hope and optimism that I am feeling from people all over the city. My friends, it is that message of hope, and possibility that should get all of us up in the morning start us on our way and bring all of us together with the excitement and promise born of harnessing our collective energies to move forward together.
Our challenges are great.

There's no mistaking that.

But if we follow these four stars...safety...schooling...stability...and integrity...we can once again become a city that families want to move to...not run away from.

No matter who you are, no matter where you live, no matter your circumstance in life, Chicago is now on a mission to include you, to join hands with you, to share power with you, and to give you reason to believe that we can all pull in the same direction to make Chicago, better, together.

And if we follow the Great Commandment...together...as neighbors...our great city will shine.

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God bless you.

And God bless Chicago.

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MUSICAL SELECTION.

Lizz Wright, accompanied by Kenny Banks, performed the song "Morning Has Broken".

BENEDICTION.

Father Thomas J. Hurley, Pastor of Old Saint Patrick's Church, delivered the benediction.
MOTION TO RECESS.

Alderman Villegas moved that the City Council Recess until Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. The motion Prevailed and the City Council Stood in Recess to be reconvened in regular session on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chamber in City Hall.

POSTLUDE.

Bagpipes & Drums of the Emerald Society of the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Sinfonietta -- Project Inclusion performed the departure music.

ANDREA M. VALENCIA,
City Clerk.
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