



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
CITY OF CHICAGO

**RESOLUTION**

**APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF**

***WE WILL CHICAGO:  
A FRAMEWORK PLAN FOR THE CITY'S FUTURE***

**WHEREAS,** citywide plans are commonly used by municipalities throughout the world to identify needs, and guide long-term growth and sustainability that is aligned with the community's vision and priorities, and to utilize the plan to inform a community's budget and prioritize the allocation of resources; and,

**WHEREAS,** Chicago's historical planning efforts have been largely place- or policy-focused, limiting the City's ability to comprehensively address systemic issues that impact different neighborhoods in different ways; and,

**WHEREAS,** as the first citywide planning effort of its type in over half a century, the *We Will Chicago* plan seeks to develop a people-focused vision for all aspects of Chicago government using two guiding principles: equity and resiliency; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) initiated a planning process in the summer of 2020 which involved 115 resident and organization volunteers, 103 city and agency staff, 25 community partners who received stipends for participation, 14 artists and organizers that participated in 112 meetings to create a plan based on the principles of equity and resiliency for all; and,

**WHEREAS,** *the We Will Chicago* plan includes approximately 40 goals and 150 objectives aimed at improving Chicagoans' lives, especially individuals impacted by inequities in health, economic stability, neighborhood livability, and other systemic issues, and is organized within eight planning pillars:

- Arts & Culture
- Civic & Community Engagement
- Economic Development

- Environment, Climate & Energy
- Housing & Neighborhoods
- Lifelong Learning
- Public Health & Safety
- Transportation & Infrastructure;

**WHEREAS,** the draft *We Will Chicago* plan was released in July 2022 for public comment through November 1, 2022; and through a broad public engagement process consisting of more than 70 in-person and virtual events held throughout the city, approximately 11,000 responses were received; and,

**WHEREAS,** the ongoing implementation of *We Will Chicago* over the next decade will be a collective effort across City departments, sister agencies, community leaders, residents, civic organizations, business associations, and the many other neighborhood stakeholders it is intended to support; and,

**WHEREAS,** to advance and implement the principles, goals, and objectives of the *We Will Chicago* plan, an implementation steering committee will be formed via executive order to develop an approach and strategy for implementing the goals and objectives of the *We Will Chicago* plan,

**WHEREAS,** city departments and agencies will be provided equity analysis tools and resources to use as part of policy refinement, action planning and assessing policy and program proposals: and,

**WHEREAS,** the *We Will Chicago* plan will be used as a tool to evaluate all planned developments in terms of compliance with the goals and objectives of the plan; and,

**WHEREAS,** the *We Will Chicago* plan will be used as a tool to evaluate all future DPD-led area, corridor, neighborhood and systems plans in terms of compliance with the goals and objectives of the plan, including the Central Area Plan; and,

**WHEREAS,** the goals and objectives of the *We Will Chicago* plan are intended to be integrated into and guide formation of the annual city budget; and,

**WHEREAS,** the goals and objectives of the *We Will Chicago* plan are intended to be integrated into and guide formation of the Departmental Racial Equity Action Plans and Budget Equity responses; and,

**WHEREAS,** the *We Will Chicago* plan is intended to be reviewed and updated periodically (approximately every 10 years), with annual reports on activities to the Chicago Plan Commission; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO PLAN COMMISSION:**

1. THAT the recitals are expressly incorporated into this resolution;  
and,
2. THAT the Chicago Plan Commission hereby approves and adopts the We Will Chicago plan in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.



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Andre Brumfield, Vice-Chairman  
Chicago Plan Commission

Approved: February 16, 2023

We Will Chicago – A Framework Plan for the City's Future