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MAYOR EMANUEL INVITES ALL TO CHICAGO RESIDENT SERVICE FAIRS

Starting March 19th, Series of Events Will Connect Residents Across Chicago With Important Services

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced a series of service fairs that will connect residents across Chicago with the wide variety of resources available through the city of Chicago. The fairs are designed to bring important services and resources to the community to empower residents while strengthening and revitalizing neighborhoods throughout Chicago.

"I have always believed that the city of Chicago will only be as strong as our neighborhoods, and that by empowering every resident with access to services and opportunities, we can make our neighborhoods even stronger," Mayor Emanuel said. "From expanding educational opportunities to increasing neighborhood economic development opportunities, we are putting the basic building blocks in place for stronger communities. These events will connect people across Chicago with essential services that help ensure every resident has an opportunity to participate in the great future that we are building together."

The events will connect residents with a number of city initiatives designed to provide residents with services of the greatest need and demand in their community. These include the Homebuyer Assistance program, which offers residents down payment assistance on a new home, or the Large Lots Program, which enables homeowners, block-clubs and non-profit groups to apply to purchase vacant city-owned land for \$1, as well as the One Summer Chicago, the largest summer youth program where youth can register for summer programs.

At each location nearly 30 city agencies will be onsite available to offer services and resources and available to provide services on the spot – everything from talking to lenders about home loans, access income tax guidance, financial advice, learn about job opportunities and job skills training, health screenings and much more. Residents will also have an opportunity to attend a handful of workshops on topics like home ownership, starting a business and personal finances.

The five Chicago Resident Service Fairs will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on scheduled dates and locations listed below. For more information please visit www.cityofchicago.org/servicefairs or call 311.

Saturday, March 19, 2016South Shore Cultural Center 7059 S. South Shore Dr.

Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 Wilbur Wright College 4300 N. Narragansett Ave.

Saturday, April 9th, 2016 Richard J. Daley College 7500 S. Pulaski Rd.

Saturday, April 16, 2016 Arturo Velasquez Institute 2800 S. Western Ave.

Saturday, May 7, 2016 Simeon Career Academy 8147 S. Vincennes Ave.

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