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MAYOR LIGHTFOOT ANNOUNCES PROCESS TO FILL 11TH WARD VACANCY

New Alderman to be introduced at the March City Council meeting

CHICAGO - Today, Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced the process to identify a qualified candidate to become the next Alderman of Chicago's 11th ward. Interested candidates must have lived in the 11th ward for at least one year prior to their appointment, demonstrate their passion for public service, and most importantly, have proven themselves to be someone who represents the 11th Ward community.

"The 11th Ward deserves to be represented by someone who embodies the values of its community and the entire City of Chicago," said Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot. "I will work tirelessly to find someone who can fulfill those ideals and am committed to an open and transparent process as our residents deserve no less."

As has been done in years prior for open Aldermanic seats, this process must be completed within 60 days. Starting on Wednesday, February 23, interested candidates will be able to submit applications to aldermanicvacancy@cityofchicago.org or mail applications to City Hall care of the 11th Ward Vacancy Committee. Applications are due by March 11, 2022. Once applications close, the names and resumes of each applicant will be made publicly available, and a committee will begin reviewing each application thoroughly.

Mayor Lightfoot has appointed three committee members and a chair, including 11th Ward residents, to form a search committee to review applications, interview candidates, and make a recommendation to the Mayor on the final slate of candidates. Alderman Michelle Harris will serve as the ex-officio chair and the members will include:

- **Salvador Cicero**, Principal, The Cicero Law Group, P.C.
- **Grace Chan McKibben**, Executive Director, The Coalition For A Better Chinese Community
- **Jamie Trecker**, Producer/Co-Host, Lumpen Radio



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A final candidate will be selected by Mayor Lightfoot with the goal of being sworn in at the March City Council meeting. Once confirmed, the appointed Alderman will remain in place until the next aldermanic election in 2023.

Details regarding this selection process can be found online at www.chicago.gov/ward11application

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