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MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON APPOINTS SAM KUKADIA TO METROPOLITAN PIER AND EXPOSITION AUTHORITY

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CHICAGO – Today, Mayor Brandon Johnson appointed Sam Kukadia to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA). Kukadia, a distinguished CEO and Local 150 Operator, brings a wealth of experience in heavy highway engineering and construction, coupled with a commitment to community service and economic development.

"Sam Kukadia's blend of business acumen, engineering expertise, and community engagement makes him an excellent addition to the MPEA," **said Mayor Johnson**. "I am confident that his strategic vision and dedication will enhance the authority's mission to drive economic growth and development in our city."

In his role as CEO of Material Solutions Laboratory, Kukadia has demonstrated exceptional leadership, overseeing a heavy highway engineering and construction firm with over thirty operating engineers. His extensive background as a Project Engineer at CEMCON and Project Design Engineer at the Illinois Department of Transportation reflects his deep expertise in industrial, commercial, and residential development.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Kukadia has been an active member of the Local 150 Union and serves as a board member for several nonprofit organizations. As a member of Mayor Brandon Johnson's Transition Team's Economic Vitality & Equity Sub-Committee, Kukadia showcased his dedication to advancing economic prosperity in Chicago.

Additionally, Kukadia has served in various leadership roles, including Treasurer for the Indo-American Democratic Organization Chicago, Executive Board Member for the Asian American Chamber of Commerce Chicago, and Treasurer for the South Asian Chamber of Commerce Chicago. His involvement in the Chicago Public Schools' Local School Council further highlights his commitment to education and community development.



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"I am honored to contribute my passion for community-driven development and my years of experience in heavy highway engineering to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, working to further Mayor Brandon Johnson's vision of economic growth and innovation in our vibrant city," **said Sam Kukadia.**

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