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MAYOR EMANUEL REPORTS ON THE PROGRESS HIS ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS LAID OUT FOR HIS FIRST 100 DAYS

Today, Mayor Rahm Emanuel reported on the progress his Administration has made in accomplishing the goals laid out for the first 100 days for his Administration.

“I ran for Mayor because I wanted to lead a process of change and growth for the City of Chicago,” said Mayor Emanuel. “We have made significant progress during these first 100 days, but until every child can go to school thinking of the classroom and not about safety, our work will not be done. And until every parent can be thinking about building a life in our city and not about whether the next paycheck will go far enough, my job will not be finished.”

In its first 100 days, the Emanuel Administration has:

- Outlined $75 million in savings for 2011 on the first day in office, over $50 million of which have already been realized;
- Announced the redeployment nearly 750 additional officers to Chicago's neighborhoods;
- Secured more than 4,000 private-sector jobs in neighborhoods across the city;
- Signed an Executive Order on his first day in office that begins to close the revolving door between City Hall and lobbyists;
- Developed a new City-wide Credit Card and Reimbursement Policy, reduced the number of City credit cards from 500 to 30 and eliminated City petty-cash funds;
- Initiated reforms to the City’s procurement process by posting non-competitive contracting online for public review and implementing a Reverse Auction initiative;
- Implemented unprecedented City procurement modernization initiative to reach about $25 million in savings by 2013;
- Championed a stronger curfew ordinance to protect young people across the city;
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- Launched Internet Essentials, a public-private partnership that will provide access to high-speed, reliable Internet service for families of 330,000 students across the city;

- Unveiled the Micro-Market Recovery Program to address foreclosures and stabilize property values on a community level to protect residents and neighborhoods;

- Advocated for state legislation to enable Chicago Public Schools to lengthen the school day and year;

- Engaged with Chicagoans through innovative public forums by hosting a groundbreaking Facebook town-hall, answering questions during a telephone town-hall, holding a live conversation during a virtual good government town-hall and launching the City's first-ever interactive budget website, Chicagobudget.org;

- And published more than 200 data sets, allowing the people across Chicago to see City employee salaries, crime statistics, and contracts dating back to 1993, among many others, as part of an unprecedented open data initiative.

Mayor Emanuel stated that he is focused on continuing the administration’s strong start. “The goals I set for my Administration hold me and my team accountable to the taxpayers. We are here to deliver results, so that Chicago becomes the most competitive city in the nation and one of the best places to build a family and grow a business.”

For more information on the 100-day goals the Emanuel Administration has met, including public safety, transportation, culture, education, and economic development, please visit www.cityofchicago.org.

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