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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING KIDS OFF THE BLOCK TO
BUILD A PARK AND PUBLIC MEMORIAL IN ROSELAND**

Today, City Council passed an ordinance introduced by Mayor Rahm Emanuel that will authorize the execution of a lease agreement with Kids off the Block for access to City-owned vacant lots located at 11614-24 South Michigan Avenue for recreational use and as a public memorial.

"Kids Off the Block will provide area residents with much needed recreational space in the heart of Roseland," said Mayor Emanuel. "This is an example of the City's continued partnership with non-profit community organizations that engage young people in healthy activities."

The lease allows Kids Off the Block to use approximately 12,500 square feet of City-owned vacant land as a basketball court and as a memorial to young crime victims. The City shall lease the property to Kids Off the Block at no cost through December 31, 2014. Kids Off the Block shall be responsible for all maintenance of the property and shall indemnify the City against any liabilities. Both parties can terminate the lease at any time with 60 days' notice.

Kids Off the Block is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation that was established by area residents to provide youth in the Roseland neighborhood with productive social alternatives.

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