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MAYOR LIGHTFOOT, CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCE CREATION OF SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE CENSUS

Committee created to ensure a fair, complete and accurate Census count in 2020

CHICAGO— The Chicago City Council today approved a resolution to establish a Special Legislative Committee on the Census, which has been charged with ensuring a fair, complete and accurate Census count of every individual living in Chicago. Alderman Ariel Reboyras has been appointed as Chairman of the newly-established committee and entrusted to lead coordinated outreach efforts on behalf of the City Council and its committees ahead of the 2020 U.S. Census.

"Providing a full accounting of our residents in the 2020 Census goes beyond simply tallying our city's population, it determines we receive appropriate level of representation in Congress, as well as the funding instrumental to maintaining our infrastructure, public health, public safety, and much more," said Mayor Lightfoot. "This new Special Legislative Committee on the Census will be leading this vital mission to serve our city and ensure every Chicagoan is fully counted."

The Committee will serve as the primary resource for Census-related organizing and planning for the members of the Chicago City Council. The Committee will also develop outreach materials for use by ward offices, offer training sessions and materials for Aldermen and their staff, research and respond to questions from Aldermen and their staff, and carry out these functions in coordination with the City of Chicago Complete Count Committee.

"We are keenly aware that the fear imposed on Chicago's immigrant and refugee populations from certain leaders in Washington D.C. will make achieving a complete count a difficult task," said Chairman Reboyras. "But I am up for the challenge and looking forward to leading this committee through a successful 2020 census."