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MAYOR LIGHTFOOT NOMINATES RESHMA SONI FOR COMPTROLLER

CHICAGO — Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot today appointed Reshma Soni to serve as the comptroller for the City of Chicago. Ms. Soni brings an extensive experience building financial structure in governmental organizations to this vital role, where she will head up all accounting and financial reporting for the City and its departments. Ms. Soni joins the City's new finance team as it works to increase efficiency, transparency and financial stability across departments and government.

"Our top priority is ensuring Chicago confronts its financial challenges while also taking every measure to identify inefficiencies, restore our economic health, and build a stronger, sustainable future for our entire city," said Mayor Lightfoot. "Reshma is an accomplished leader who is ready to hit the ground running on implementing accounting controls that will protect investments in our neighborhoods and help Chicago work fairly and effectively for all residents."

Ms. Soni has extensive experience in driving financial improvements for governmental organizations, managing internal cost controls, and optimizing efficiency through creative solutions. Currently, as Chief Financial Officer to the Chicago Department of Aviation, she oversees financial operations for one of the world's busiest airport systems, comprised of O'Hare and Midway International Airports, with an annual operating budget exceeding \$1 billion. In this role, Ms. Soni helped lead the City's negotiations and implementation of a new 15-year airline use and lease agreement for O'Hare, which directs an \$8.5 billion capital program and a new rates and charges system for all airport tenants.

Ms. Soni is a veteran financial manager of the City of Chicago as well as Cook County. As First Deputy Budget Director for the City, she managed operating, capital and grant budgets totaling \$8 billion dollars. She has also held roles as Comptroller for Cook County, and as a compliance manager for the City of Chicago, where she streamlined processes to apply for and become certified the City's Airport Concessionaire Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs.

"As Chicago faces its share of financial challenges, I am confident in Mayor Lightfoot's clear vision for restoring our financial health and protecting our residents," said Ms. Soni. "I am honored to return to City finance to help streamline our accounting processes, identify efficiency in our financial practices, and improve customer service so that we can better support our residents and the business community."



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Ms. Soni holds a Master of Accounting and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Michigan. She is a registered Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with the State of Illinois. Ms. Soni's appointment will be considered by the City Council, and she will assume acting duties of comptroller immediately.

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