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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES NEW APPOINTMENTS TO CHICAGO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**CHICAGO** – City Council approved several appointments, previously introduced by Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot, to city boards and commissions on Wednesday.

“Even while we find ourselves doing business in a different way, the business of the City and the people are still first priority,” said Mayor Lightfoot. “As we move forward after COVID-19, these new appointees will be instrumental in critical housing and land policies to protect our residents from further impact of the coronavirus pandemic.”

The Chicago City Council approved the following appointments:

**Approved Appointments to the Chicago Community Catalyst Fund Board of Directors (introduced in January)**

- Juan Carlos Avila, President & Founder, FARO Associates LLC (reappointment)
- Helene D. Gayle, President and CEO, The Chicago Community Trust
- Gloria Costilla, President and CEO, Chicago United

**Approved Appointments to the Chicago Low-Income Housing Trust Fund Board (Introduced in February)**

- Deborah E. Bennett, Senior Program Officer, Polk Bros. Foundation (Reappointment)
- Emilio L. Carrasquillo, Program Manager, Spanish Coalition for Housing



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- Grace Chan McKibben, Executive Director, Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community
- Andrew E. Geer, Vice President & Market Leader, Midwest, Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.
- Wayne L. Gordon, Pastor, Lawndale Community Church (Reappointment)
- Thomas McNulty, Partner, Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP (Reappointment)
- David Wells, Managing Deputy Budget Director, City of Chicago Office of Budget & Management (Reappointment)
- Arshele Stevens, Chief Executive Officer, Girls Inc. of Chicago

**Approved Appointment to the Chicago Community Land Trust Board  
(Introduced in February)**

- Lissette Castañeda, Interim Executive Director, Latin United Community Housing Association

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