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**MAYOR LIGHTFOOT NAMES RIC ESTRADA TO SERVE ON METRA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**CHICAGO** – Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot today announced the nomination of Ric Estrada to serve on Metra's Board of Directors. Estrada is a staunch human services and business leader with decades of experience advocating for Chicagoans. This nomination is subject to approval by the Chicago City Council.

"Ric is a devoted leader who has spent his entire career working to advance equity and expand access to opportunity for our communities," said Mayor Lightfoot. "His experiences as CEO of Metropolitan Family Services and supporting families across all of our 77 neighborhoods have made him an integral figure in our City—especially over the course of past year—and make him an incredible value add to Metra's Board of Directors. I want to congratulate him on this new opportunity, and I am excited to see how he will continue making our city a better place."

Estrada currently serves as CEO of Metropolitan Family Services, one of Illinois' largest and best-respected human services agencies. Since joining Metropolitan in 2011 he has helped the agency more than double in revenue and families served. Prior to joining Metropolitan, he served as First Deputy Commissioner of the City of Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS). He also previously served as Executive Director of Erie Neighborhood House in Chicago. Additionally, Ric serves on the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois as well as on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, the Woods Fund of Chicago, the Grand Victoria Foundation, A Better Chicago, and Erie Elementary School.

*"I am deeply honored to be selected by Mayor Lightfoot to serve on Metra's Board of Directors," said Estrada. "I have dedicated my entire professional life to standing up for the most venerable individuals within our community, who too often go overlooked. This experience will directly influence my commitment to making our transportation system more equitable through the work I look forward to doing with the entire Board."*



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Ric is a graduate the University of Illinois at Chicago where he earned his MBA, the University of Chicago where he earned ahis M.A. in Social Service Policy and Administration, and Loyola University of Chicago where he earned his B.S. in Psychology. He and his wife reside in Chicago and are the parents of two young adult daughters.

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