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MAYOR LORI E. LIGHTFOOT ANNOUNCES PAUL GOODRICH TO SERVE AS CITY'S CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Chicago – Today Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced that Paul Goodrich will serve as the City's Chief Operating Officer effective June 1, 2021. In this role, he will serve as the primary lead in the oversight, development and implementation of strategic mayoral initiatives and policy priorities for Chicago's infrastructure, transportation, regulatory and municipal administrative services. Goodrich will also be responsible for implementing processes and procedures to help execute the deployment and distribution of the various COVID Relief Funding sources and any other Federal, State or local funding allocations to ensure the City's long-term success.

"As we work to reopen our city, return to a sense of normalcy and invest in the resources our residents need in order to thrive, Paul's oversight and leadership will be a tremendous value add to our team," said Mayor Lightfoot. "For years, Paul dedicated his career to making businesses and organizations work more efficiently. Now, his unique skillset will improve the efficiency of our entire city. I want to congratulate him on his new role and am excited to formally welcome him to the team."

A seasoned business and operations executive, prior to joining the Lightfoot Administration, Goodrich had a successful career in finance, most recently running his own consultancy assisting clients in governance, investments, and change management. Prior to that, Goodrich served in various positions at BNY Mellon Wealth Management, U.S. Trust Bank of America, and The Northern Trust Company. Goodrich also served as a consultant for Choose Chicago and a steering committee member of the City's COVID Recovery Taskforce, Co-Chairing the regional component.

"Being a public servant is the highest honor, and I am grateful to be called into such a role during a critical time in our city's history," said Paul Goodrich. "I am excited to bring my expertise in operations, implementing efficient processes, and leading exceptional teams to the Mayor's Office. We have the opportunity for transformational change as we recover from the pandemic. It will be critical that we



execute effectively with the resources available to ensure that Chicago residents have equitable, fast, and safe access to city services."

Goodrich holds a bachelor's degree from Kenyon College, where he serves as a member of the Parents Advisory Board. He is a member of the Steppenwolf Theater Company Board, serving as Treasurer. Goodrich lives in Lake View with his wife Valerie, a VA Physician, and three sons.

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