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MAYOR LORI E. LIGHTFOOT ANNOUNCES BENIAMINO CAPELLUPO TO SERVE AS SENIOR ADVISOR FOR LABOR PARTNERSHIPS

Chicago - Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced on Tuesday that Beniamino Capellupo will join her administration as a Senior Advisor for Labor Partnerships.

"Chicago will always be a labor town, making it that much more important that my administration has a leader like Beniamino at the helm of our labor engagement and workforce protection efforts," said Mayor Lightfoot. "Beniamino brings a host of real-world organizing and labor movement experience to my team that will be invaluable long after this pandemic is over. I am excited to formally welcome him to our team and have the utmost confidence that he will have a positive impact on our city's long legacy of lifting up working people."

Beniamino joins the Mayor's Office following a long and esteemed career in the labor movement, most recently serving as Executive Director for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Illinois Council. In that role Beniamino designed and implemented government affairs strategy, by integrating comprehensive political, campaign, and legislative programs across 10 local labor unions and their 170,000 members.

As Executive Director, Beniamino lobbied the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, and Cook County on progressive social, economic, and environmental issues to improve the lives of workers and their families. He also represented SEIU within the civic community, working with a range of community stakeholders to develop and implement political and organizing plans and build long-term power for workers and communities across Illinois.

Prior to his work as Executive Director at the SEIU Illinois Council, Beniamino served as Organizing Director of SEIU Local 73, where he gained critical management and leadership experience.

Beniamino is a graduate of the University of Illinois-Chicago and was born and raised in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood. He is a first generation Italian-American and a



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passionate White Sox fan. He has served on the boards of directors for Citizen Action-Illinois, the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans, and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

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