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**MAYOR LIGHTFOOT NAMES LESTER BARCLAY TO SERVE AS CTA BOARD CHAIR**

**CHICAGO** – Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot today announced Lester Barclay as the next Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, the governing arm of the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA). Barclay has decades of experience as a legal advocate and champion in the city and has leveraged his resources to effectuate positive change in his community, in areas of civil rights, health and education. This nomination is subject to approval by the Chicago City Council.

"Lester has long been a fearless advocate and has worked tirelessly across multiple roles to better the lives of our residents," said Mayor Lightfoot. "Given how fundamental the CTA is to the greatness of our city and success of our residents, it is only fitting that Lester be named as CTA Board Chairman. I am thrilled to welcome him into this new role and am confident that his experiences as a community champion will leave a positive impact on the CTA and our entire city."

"His extensive experience in both public service and law, combined with his contributions to the CTA Citizen's Advisory Board, make Mr. Barclay an excellent choice to lead the CTA Board of Directors," said CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr. "We look forward to working with the Chairman and Board on our efforts to provide the highest level of service to our customers, as well as the continued modernization of our infrastructure."

As Chairman, Barclay will join the seven-member board in providing direction and CTA. Additionally, Barclay will work closely with the CTA in overseeing a variety of projects and initiatives already underway.

"As a native Chicagoan, I have a strong appreciation of the role that public transportation plays in connecting our communities and fostering opportunities for our residents," said Barclay. "That role will be especially important as the City reopens, and customers return to the CTA. I am grateful to Mayor Lightfoot for this opportunity and look forward to working with my fellow Board members and President Carter to ensure that the CTA continues to provide high-quality and equitable service to all Chicagoans."



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Barclay is an accomplished attorney with over 3 decades of legal practice in Chicago and has served as senior partner at The Barclay Law Group P.C. In addition to his legal practice, Barclay has been involved in various civic and charitable organizations including his current role as Board Chairman for the Chicago Transit Authority Citizens Advisory Board. Additionally, he served as: Advisory Board Member for the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs; President of the Chicago Office of Tourism & Cultural Affairs; President of the Board of Directors for the Christian Community Health Center; former member of the Oberlin College Board of Trustees; Chicago Legal Aid Bureau; Delegate to the Jamaica Diaspora Conference 2006 and 2008; Board Member, Illinois African American Family Commission; and Board Chairman, Chicago Transit Authority Citizens Advisory Board.

A native Chicagoan, Barclay is a graduate of Oberlin College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree and Case Western Reserve University where he earned his Juris Doctor.

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