

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as part of the FY2026 budget approved by City Council, the City is required to make a \$260 million advance pension payment to prevent the continued growth of the City's net pension liability, as we have done in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the City and each of its pension funds face serious challenges, including more than \$35 billion in pension debt, more than \$4 billion in unfunded liabilities, investments consistently underperforming both projections and the market generally, and a combined funding level of approximately 25%, with individual funding levels ranging from between approximately 42% and 24% - and potentially even below 20%, given recent changes to pension benefits at the State level, which have already forced the City to provide emergency lending so that one fund could avoid selling off assets; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that a timely, full advance pension payment is made is critical for the City to stabilize its net pension liability in accordance with governmental accounting standards, reduce the City's long-term pension debt and unfunded liabilities, reduce the need to rely on one-time and short-term budget fixes year after year, and avoid future credit downgrades; and

WHEREAS, as a co-equal branch of municipal government, the City Council was disappointed to learn from the media that the administration has apparently made a partial advance payment of \$130 million, breaking from the precedent of making the advance pension payment in full; and

WHEREAS, while all aspects of municipal budgeting are contingent upon the realities of adequate revenue and available cashflow, we must still honor our legal commitments to the City's workforce; and

WHEREAS, as we collectively work to right the City's fiscal ship, the City Council stands ready, willing, and able to ensure the FY2026 budget, including the advance pension payment, is fully, faithfully, and timely implemented; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, hereby call upon the Committee on Finance to convene a subject matter hearing to allow the City Council to gain a better understanding of the City's cashflow situation as described by members of the administration in the press, particularly as it relates to the City's ability to timely comply with the advance pension payment requirement under the FY2026 budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the Budget Director, Comptroller, Chief Financial Officer, the Director of the Council Office of Financial Analysis, and other City officials with knowledge to testify and respond to questions of the Committee regarding the state of the City's cashflow situation and the timing and plans to meet such advance pension payment requirement.

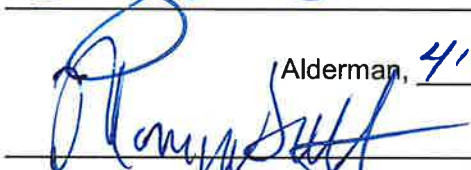

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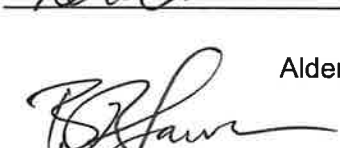

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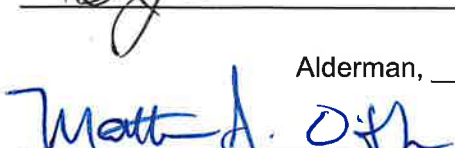

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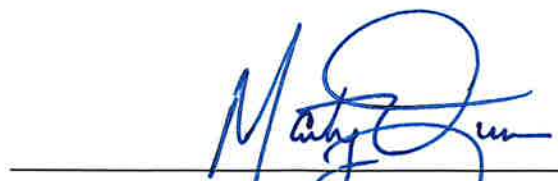

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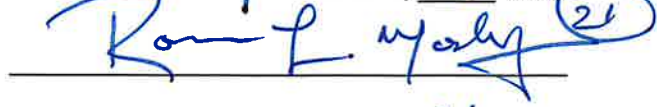

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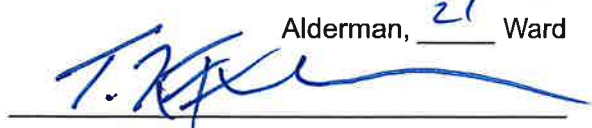

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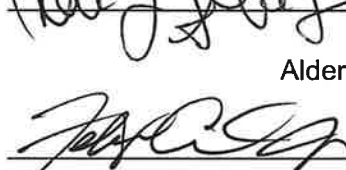

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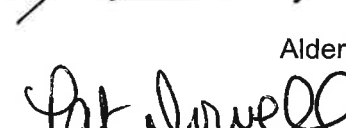

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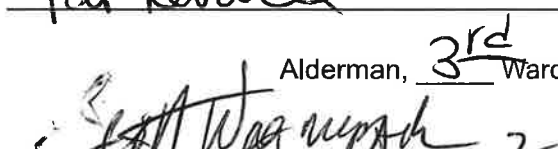

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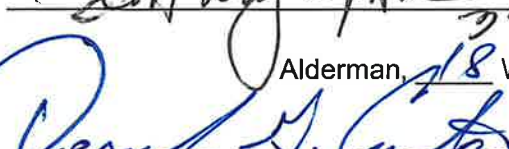

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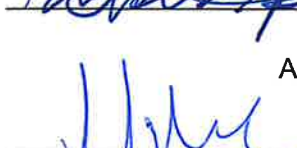

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Ben Holt

Alderman, 37 Ward
James Miller

Alderman, 7th Ward
Lyndy

Alderman, 30 Ward
Rufus

Alderman, 49 Ward
M. Hadden

Alderman, 47 Ward
Mark Galt

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Alderman, 9th Ward
Anthony Allen

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James Harrison

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