

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, City of Chicago residences, particularly on the South Side, suffer from severe flooding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago committed to prioritizing flood mitigation; and

WHEREAS, RainReady is a program created by the Center for Neighborhood Technology to control flooding through the installation of flood-control devices on homes; and

WHEREAS, by way of example, the Village of Oak Park implemented the RainReady program with low-cost flood prevention fixes such as cisterns and rain gardens; and

WHEREAS, since its development over 10 years ago, the City of Chicago committed to launch RainReady in 2019; however, Chicago has yet to fully implement the program; and

WHEREAS, Angela Tovar, City of Chicago Chief Sustainability Officer, testified to collaborating with RainReady in order to deploy its implementation; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Center for Neighborhood Technology noted the difficulty with the administration of the RainReady program within the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Neighborhood Technology is no longer committed to partnering with RainReady in order to deploy its services within the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the RainReady program in Chicago remains uncertain leaving neighborhoods such as Chatham with continuous flooding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Angela Tovar, City of Chicago Chief Sustainability Officer, be called to appear in front of the Chicago City Council's Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy, to testify as to the failure to partner with RainReady and deploy its services to mitigate flood prevention to benefit the residents of the City of Chicago.



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