

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is an internationally recognized destination for festivals, concerts, cultural celebrations, and large-scale public gatherings that attract residents and visitors from around the world, generating significant economic activity for local businesses, hotels, restaurants, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's existing parks, streets, and public spaces have successfully hosted major events for decades, yet the increasing demand for large-scale festivals and outdoor programming has highlighted the need for a dedicated venue specifically designed to accommodate such events while minimizing impacts on surrounding communities and public resources; and

WHEREAS, a permanent festival and outdoor event space would provide the City with a centralized location capable of supporting concerts, cultural festivals, food and beverage events, sporting exhibitions, community celebrations, and other large gatherings through purpose-built infrastructure, transportation access, and public safety accommodations; and

WHEREAS, local public opinion on such matters is important to public officials in a determination of what is wise public policy for the people of the City of Chicago; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to Section 28-6 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/28-6) and Section 3.1-40-60 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60), the following public question is hereby certified to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners for submission to the voters of all precincts within the City of Chicago at the regularly scheduled election occurring after the passage of this resolution, the general election on November 3, 2026:

Should Chicago develop a permanent festival and outdoor event space for large-scale events?

- ☐ **YES**
☐ **NO**

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk of the City of Chicago shall certify the referendum question referenced herein to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners the general election on November 3, 2026, in accordance with Article 28 of the Election Code.

SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon passage.

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Don L. Harty

Alderman, 21 Ward

Felix Delo

Alderman, 31 Ward

Mary-Jane

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Bin Haplin

Alderman, 2 Ward

Blaws

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