

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS elections serve as the bedrock of the City, State, and Federal governments; and

WHEREAS the City of Chicago has a duty to ensure elections are accessible for all residents to exercise their civic duty; and

WHEREAS the mission of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners is to administer a transparent, impartial and accurate election system; and

WHEREAS the duties of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners include managing voter registrations; safeguarding the rights of all voters to cast ballots independently in a safe and quiet atmosphere, free of interference or intimidation; and informing voters of all of their balloting options, such as Election Day voting, Early Voting and Vote By Mail; and

WHEREAS the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners is responsible for the recruitment, employment, and assignment of Election Judges; and

WHEREAS Election Judges serve as an integral part of the elections process assisting with opening the polls, distributing ballots, and enforcing election laws and procedures; and

WHEREAS the general election on November 3rd of 2026 may present unique challenges; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, hereby call upon the Committee on Budget and Government Relations to convene a subject-matter hearing to allow the City Council to receive an update on the state of elections within the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the commissioners of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners to testify and respond to questions of the Committee regarding the 2026 primary elections, vote by mail, and absentee voting procedures.


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