Committee on Committees and Rules
City Council
September 23, 2026

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on August 31st, 2026 the 40th Ward Alderperson's Office held a public town hall to seek feedback from residents on pressing issues in the ward wherein three issues were collectively identified for addition to the ballot; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/28-1 et seq., and the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60, the corporate authorities of a municipality have the authority to submit a public question to the electors of the municipality by means of a referendum; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby intends to submit a public question of significance to the residents of 40th Ward within the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the residents of the 40th Ward within the City of Chicago to submit this question to the voters of the 40th Ward at the consolidated primary election on February 23, 2027; now, therefore;

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

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Chicago hereby initiates and authorizes the following public question to be submitted to the voters of all precincts of the 40th Ward within the City of Chicago at the regularly scheduled general election on February 23, 2027:

> **"Do the voters of the 40th Ward support a moratorium on the establishment, construction, or expansion of new data center facilities within the City of Chicago to address community concerns such as natural resource depletion, utility rate increases and a fair regulatory framework?"**
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> ☐ **YES**
> ☐ **NO**

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk of the City of Chicago shall certify the public question referenced herein to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners in accordance with Article 28 of the Election Code.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

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Yours In Service,



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Andre Vasquez
Alderperson, 40th Ward