

WHEREAS, nearly 70% of young children are exposed to lead from their home tap water, according to recent estimates published in JAMA Pediatrics. The study also finds that Black and Hispanic neighborhoods are more likely to have lead exposure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has determined that over 400,000 households in the City of Chicago contain lead services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has more lead services lines to replace than any other city or municipality in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has given the City a timeline to replace all of its lead service lines; and

WHEREAS, Chicago needs to replace 8,000 to 10,000 services per year to comply with the EPA's deadline; and

WHEREAS, the City has contracts in place to replace lead service lines that are either being underutilized or not utilized at all; and

WHEREAS, DWM in-house crews lack the capacity to handle the aforementioned goals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deputy Mayor of Infrastructure, Deputy Mayor of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Chief of Staff to the Mayor of the City be called to appear in front of the Chicago City Council's Committee on Environment, to testify as to the City's failure to abide by the EPA's goals and its continuing failure to protect the health and welfare of the residents of the City by its inability to keep the lead service replacement program in a state of forwardness.

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 Alderman, 23rd Ward

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 Carlos Ramirez 35
 Bill Cony 34
 B. Brown 44
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Scott Maguapada 32
 17th Ward