City Council Meeting
September 23, 2026
Committee on Committees and Rules

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the lakefront is one of our city's greatest assets, and as a lakefront ward, 44th Ward residents access the lakefront for recreation and travel; 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 44th Ward within the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the residents of the [] Ward within the City of Chicago to submit this question to the voters of the [] Ward at the regularly scheduled general election to be held 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 [] Ward within the City of Chicago at the consolidated primary election on February 23, 2027; now, therefore;

> **"Should the Illinois Department of Transportation conduct an open and transparent public process to determine the future of North DuSable Lake Shore Drive, with transit, safety, pollution reduction, lakefront access, and**

preservation of the lakefront as public open space as priorities in that process?"

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.

Bennett R. Lawson
Alderman, 44th Ward