

R E S O L U T I O N

**CALLING ON THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AND GOVERNOR J.B. PRITZKER TO
SUPPORT TYSON WORKERS' DEMAND TO KEEP THE JOSLIN PLANT OPEN**

WHEREAS, On August 13, over 2,500 Workers were laid off at the Joslin Tyson plant and Tyson delivered letters to the workforce which stated employees were to receive regular pay through October 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Workers were told in Tyson's letter that the effective date of termination was August 13 or 14, but in effect expected workers to staff the plant for another week in order to receive pay through October 12, 2026 - a likely violation of the WARN Act; and

WHEREAS, Millions of Americans across the country have been fed by the labor of the Joslin Tyson plant workers; and

WHEREAS, The plant's closure is expected to cost the Quad Cities \$116 million in lost wages and \$41.7 million in its local economy according to reporting by KWQC TV 6 News; and

WHEREAS, The plant's closure significantly jeopardizes the revenue and economy to the entire state of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Tyson has received - according to the Good Jobs First Subsidy Tracker - hundreds-of-thousands of dollars in Illinois state tax rebates annually for at least a decade of reported tax history; Tyson has received over \$3 million in the past 10 years for infrastructure assistance from the state of Illinois; Tyson received over \$3 million dollars alone in 2022 tax credits; and

WHEREAS, Tyson has been the beneficiary of more than half of all national tax subsidies given to major meatpackers from 2006 to 2026; and

WHEREAS, Tyson cites decline in cattle stock as a justification for the plant's closure, yet total cattle and calves on July 1, 2026, were estimated at 94.2 million head, slightly above the 2025 level. Cattle on feed in all feedlots increased 2% to 13.2 million head, and at most the future cattle herd is expected to drop a mere 1-2%; and

WHEREAS, The majority of Joslin Tyson's workforce are immigrants, left in a more precarious legal and citizenship condition; and now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Chicago calls upon the State of Illinois and Governor J.B. Pritzker to:

- Exercise eminent domain to keep the Joslin plant open;
- Repurpose the property of the Joslin Plant swiftly for the immediate rehiring of workers at the same wage and benefit package bargained by their union UFCW 1546 in the most recently agreed CBA;
- Ensure the workers to be compensated at wage and benefits applied by the state of Illinois in the period required to repurpose the plant and open again for regular operations;
- Compensate workers for any damages incurred in the period between Tyson's closure on August 24 and the successful repurpose of the plant;
- To pay all workers one year's salary in full and to provide retraining and education opportunities be provided at no charge or debt incurred to the worker; if the state fails to repurpose the plant by any means or measure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chicago City Clerk transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of Governor J.B. Pritzker, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun Times, and all other press in Chicago and the State of Illinois for publicization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Byron Sigcho-López', written over a horizontal line.

Byron Sigcho-López
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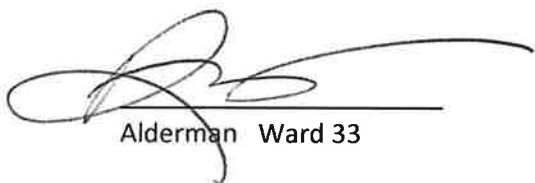
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