



# City of Chicago



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Office of the City Clerk

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**Meeting Date:**

4/27/2022

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Dowell (3)  
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Rodriguez (22)  
Nugent (39)  
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Vasquez, Jr. (40)  
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Rodriguez Sanchez (33)  
Sigcho-Lopez (25)  
Taylor (20)  
Reilly (42)  
Sadlowski Garza (10)  
Sawyer (6)  
Waguespack (32)

**Type:**

Resolution

**Title:**

Amendment of City Council Rules of Order and Procedure by modifying Rule 14 regarding recusal requirements for City Council members

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

Committee on Committees and Rules

**SUBSTITUTE**  
**RESOLUTION**

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

**SECTION 1.** Rule 14 of the Rules of Order and Procedure of the City Council, City of Chicago, for the 2019 – 2023 term is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through and inserting the language underscored, as follows:

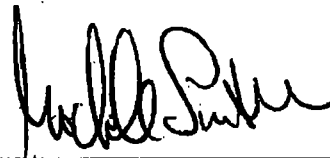
**RULE 14.** Every member who shall be present when a question is stated from the Chair shall vote thereon electronically or, at the discretion of the Chair, verbally, unless excused by the Council.

A City Council member with a conflict of interest that requires recusal who has recused themselves due to a conflict of interest, including pursuant to Section 2-156-030 or Section 2-156-080(b)(1) or (b)(2) of the Municipal Code, or who has recused themselves out of an abundance of caution where recusal is not mandated by law, may not, in a meeting of either the City Council or one of its committees, preside over any hearings or participate in any debate, discussion or vote, including conversation with other members of the City Council, regarding the matter associated with the recusal, but shall be counted present for the purpose of determining quorum. The basis for any recusal must be publicly disclosed in detail at the time of a vote. The Clerk shall create a record of all recusals included on each report submitted pursuant to Rule 44 and all recusals otherwise made at a City Council meeting, and shall send it to the Board of Ethics.

**SECTION 2.** Rule 44 of the Rules of Order and Procedure of the City Council, City of Chicago, for the 2019 – 2023 term is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

**RULE 44.** All reports of committees (other than a Committee of the Whole, which may submit a verbal report through its Chairman or other member) shall be addressed in writing "To the President and Members of the City Council". They shall briefly describe the matter referred, and the conclusion shall be summed up in the form of an ordinance, order, resolution, recommendation or some other distinct proposition; and shall contain a statement showing the number of members of the committee who voted for and the number who voted against the recommendation contained in the report, and each member who has recused themselves under Rule 14 and the basis for such recusal in detail.

*(Omitted text unaffected by this resolution)*



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