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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	1/13/2016
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Burke (14)
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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Langdon D. Neal on retirement as chairman of Chicago Board of Election Commissioners
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Langdon D. Neal has officially retired as the Chairman of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners following 18 years of dedicated service; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, In that leadership role, Langdon D. Neal oversaw the administration of a transparent, impartial and accurate election system which included voter registration and safeguarding the rights of all voters to cast ballots independently in a safe and quiet atmosphere, free of interference or intimidation; and

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure at the helm of the election board, Langdon D. Neal worked with the Mikva Challenge Program to put 2,000 high school students to work alongside 1,000 college students as election judges in every election; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Langdon D. Neal, Chicago became the first Illinois jurisdiction to introduce electronic poll books in all precincts citywide which ensures that voters are directed to the correct precinct; and

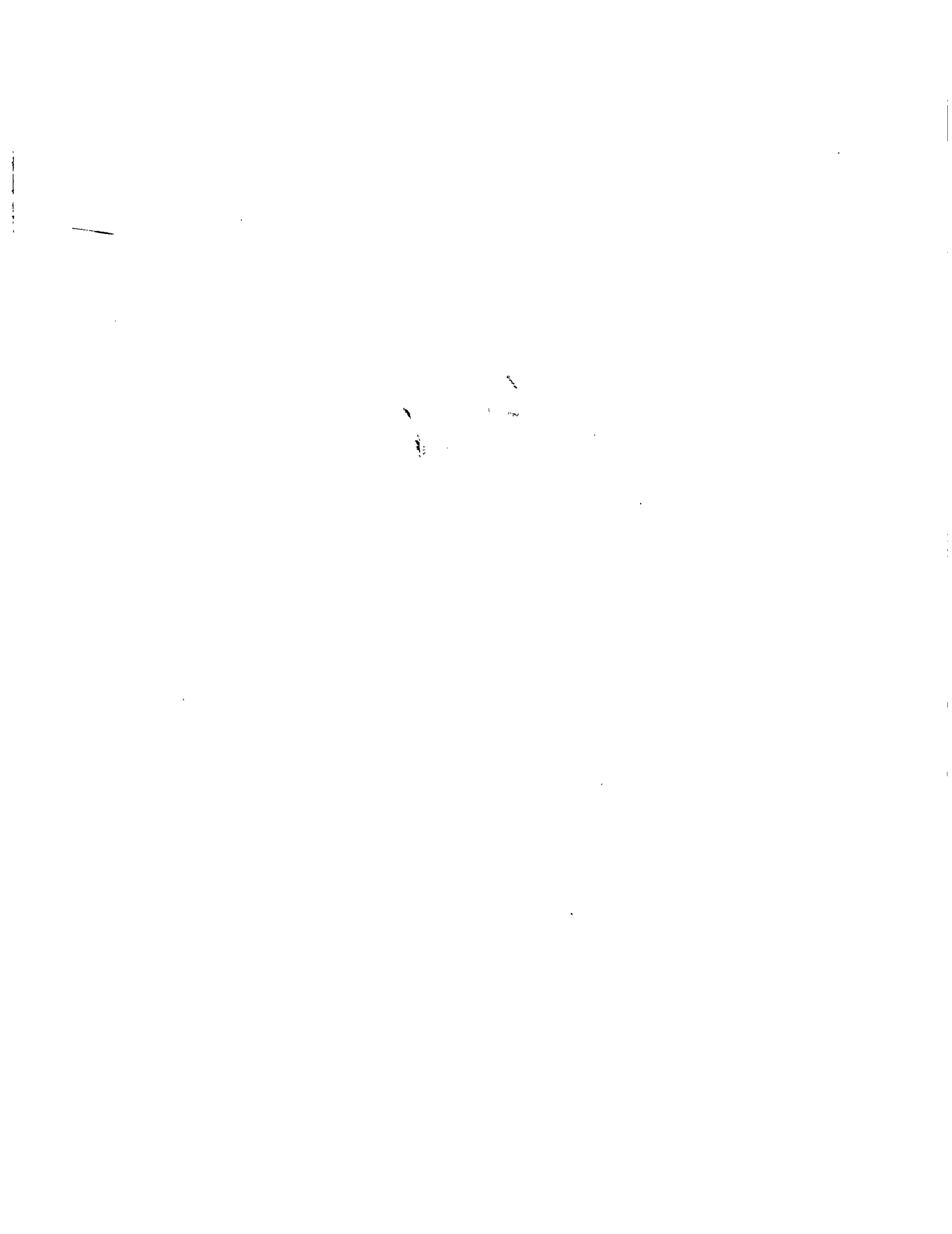
**WHEREAS**, Langdon D. Neal presided over the transition from punch card to touch-screen and optical scan paper ballot voting; and

**WHEREAS**, Langdon D. Neal championed reforms, including the implementation of online voter registration; and

**WHEREAS**, Langdon D. Neal is also a highly successful lawyer and a principal and owner of Neal & Leroy, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, Langdon D. Neal joined the family-owned firm in 1981, becoming the third generation of lawyers practicing in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Langdon D. Neal's practice concentrates on real estate, zoning, land use, and public and private finance; and



**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Langdon D. Neal serve as an example to all; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirteenth day of January, 2016, do hereby congratulate Langdon D. Neal on the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners and do hereby express our sincere gratitude for his dedication and service over these many years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Langdon D. Neal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. B.', written over a horizontal line.

*Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward*

