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Title: Congratulations extended to Richard Gamble on induction into Chicago Loop Alliance

Committee(s) Assignment:

**RESOLUTION HONORING NEW CHICAGO LOOP ALLIANCE
CHAIR RICHARD GAMBLE**

WHEREAS, Richard "Rich" Gamble, life-long Chicagoan and former Chair of the Magnificent Mile Association, has been inducted as the Chair of the Chicago Loop Alliance (CLA); and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this honor by the Honorable Brian Hopkins, Alderman of the 2nd Ward, and the Honorable Brendan Reilly, Alderman of the 42nd Ward; and

WHEREAS, A Chicago native growing up in Washington Park and Chatham, Rich received his undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago, with concentrations in Behavioral Sciences and Economics, and an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, with concentrations in Marketing, Strategy & Planning, and Organizational Behavior; and

WHEREAS, Richard has built a career as one of the City's most civically active business leaders, from management leadership roles with Taco Bell and McMaster-Carr Supply Company to 16 years with Tribune Company in various management positions, including as the publisher of *Chicago Magazine*, and five years at the Chicago Zoological Society as Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President, before founding Realized Value Collaborative in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1912 as the North Central Business District Association, before rebranding as the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association and later as the name we know it by today, the Magnificent Mile Association's mission is preserving, promoting, and enhancing one of the City's most unique, multi-use neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, For over a decade serving on the board of the Magnificent Mile Association, including two years as Chair, Rich brought his passion for service to help ensure that North Michigan Avenue remains "world-class, incomparable, and the place to be"; and

WHEREAS, While still remaining active with the Magnificent Mile Association, Rich's leadership of the CLA will help revitalize the "Heart of the City" – the Loop; and

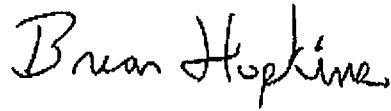
WHEREAS, Founded in 2005 following a merger between the Central Michigan Avenue Association and the Greater State Street Council – which was founded in 1929 by local merchants to promote economic prosperity in the central business district during the Great Depression – the CLA's mission is to create and promote positive and inclusive programs that attract people to the Loop and accelerate economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his service with the Magnificent Mile Association and the CLA, Rich has been civically active on a number of non-profit boards, including Choose Chicago, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the Chicago Police Foundation, the Cook County Forest Preserve, Wolcott College Prep, the Chicago Sinfonietta, and SOS Children's Villages; and

WHEREAS, Rich has always made time to use his considerable talents, experience, and knowledge to give back to his City and his community, and we are grateful that he will continue to bring those same talents and his passion for service to his new role as Chair of the Chicago Loop Alliance; now, therefore

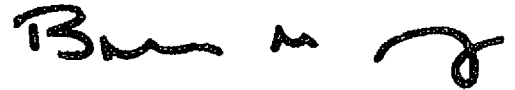
BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this fifteenth day of March 2023, do hereby extend our heartfelt congratulations to Richard Gamble; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Richard Gamble as a sign of our honor and respect.



BRIAN HOPKINS

Alderman, 2nd Ward



BRENDAN REILLY
Alderman, 42nd Ward