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Development

## RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE CITY OF CHICAGO TO EXPEDITE ITS GOAL OF AN ALL-ELECTRIC FLEET TO THE NEW DATE OF 2035

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