



WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2017-2 directed the Department of Planning & Development (DPD) and the Plan Commission to encourage goals of 26% MBE and 6% WBE participation applicable to the total construction budget for each planned development; and

WHEREAS, DPD and the Chicago Plan Commission are directed to require applicants for planned development zoning approval to report their intended and actual employment of certified M/WBE's prior to being placed on a Chicago Plan Commission agenda, which report shall include the applicant's outreach plan to encourage the participation of M/WBEs in the design, engineering and construction of the proposed project, and; Committee on Contracting Oversight & Equity

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2017-2 further requires that upon the filing for Part II approval from DPD, such report shall include an update to the applicant's outreach plan to encourage the participation of M/WBEs in the design, engineering and construction of the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2017-2 additionally, requires that upon application for a Certificate of Occupancy from the Department of Buildings, such report shall include the applicant's actual level of participation by local city residents and M/WBEs in the design, engineering and construction of the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2017-2 also directs DPD and the Chicago Plan Commission to develop forms for the purpose of collecting and evaluating data regarding the extent to which M/WBEs are utilized in planned development projects; and

WHEREAS, DPD is further directed by Executive Order 2017-2 to report the data it collects regarding projected and actual employment of M/WBEs in planned development projects twice yearly to the Chicago Plan Commission and annually to the Chicago City Council and the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2020 Commissioner Cox indicated that just 11 of the 354 private projects that had been subject to Plan Commission review since Executive Order No. 2017-2 took effect had actually included M/WBE goals; and

WHEREAS, this disparity demonstrates the need for the City Council to develop an ordinance to ensure actual M/WBE participation on private projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

WE THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL call on the Commissioner of the Planning & Development, Chairperson of the Plan Commission, Corporation Counsel and the Chief Procurement Officer to appear before the Contracting, Oversight and Equity Committee to discuss ways in which the data can be used develop measures that can be enacted to ensure M/WBE's are included in private projects that require Plan Commission approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

WE THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL respectfully request the Committee on Contracting, Oversight and Equity invite representatives of the Assist Agencies that serve M/WBE construction owners to attend the hearing and provide information on experiences their members have had with the process thus far.