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August 19, 2020

Honorable Anna Valencia
City Clerk
City Hall, Room 107 121 North LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60602

Clerk Valencia:

We, the undersigned Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby call a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Chicago, to be convened on Friday, August 21, 2020 at 10:00am. Because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting shall take place by videoconference. It shall provide for remote participation and remote viewing by members of the public.

The special meeting is for the following purposes and no other purpose whatsoever:

- For the immediate consideration of a Resolution to Illinois Governor JB Pritzker requesting an immediate declaration of a State of Emergency in Chicago and deployment of the Illinois National Guard to augment and assist the Chicago Police Department for a four month time frame;
- To receive, as the Committee of the Whole, reports from the Honorable Lori Lightfoot, Mayor of the City of Chicago, David Brown, Chicago Police Department Superintendent, the Honorable Kim Foxx, Cook County State's Attorney, and the Honorable Timothy Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, reports regarding the collective and unified efforts to address the rioting, looting, destruction, and most importantly, the safety of all Chicagoans; and,
- For the immediate consideration of a Resolution calling on the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations to host monthly public hearings throughout the City of Chicago in advance of the 2021 Budget Hearings in advance of the

Appropriations Ordinance hearings to ascertain the continuous will, priorities, and safety of all Chicagoans.

We do this as a sign of good will to move forward as one unified city, addressing decades of disinvestment, inequity and structural barriers limiting the opportunities across all communities.

Respectfully Serving the City of Chicago,

(signed electronically)

Leslie Hairston Alderman, 5th Ward

(signed electronically)

Anthony Beale Alderman, 9th Ward

(signed electronically)

Raymond Lopez Alderman, 15th Ward

(signed electronically) Anthony Napolitano Alderman, 41st
Ward

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WHEREAS, In a time where Chicago has never seen more violence, unrest and organized looting all across our City; and,

WHEREAS, It is the duty of all elected officials in the City of Chicago to do whatever they can to protect the safety and freedom of all Chicagoans; and,

WHEREAS, The general fear and safety on all levels, and public perception of insecurity is the undercurrent of all things unstable in our City, must be addressed; and,

WHEREAS, Students, parents, the elderly, commuters, professionals, and visitors to our great City are afraid to travel by foot, car or public transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Businesses across our City have been subject to unyielding criminals, many on the brink of failure contemplating their future in Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, The continued attacks against Chicago's collective safety will impact our residential real estate, current and future investments in our communities, and our City's future economic development; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That, That we, Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, on behalf of all Chicagoans call on Illinois Governor JB Pritzker to declare the City of Chicago to be in a State of Emergency,

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Chicago additionally call on the Governor of Illinois to mobilize the National Guard to augment and assist the Chicago Police Department at the direction of the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department and the Mayor of the City of Chicago for a duration no less than four months.

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WHEREAS, The calls for social justice, equity and change have reverberated across the nation and here in the City of Chicago following several high profile incidents, including the murder of George Floyd; and,

WHEREAS, Many residents, social activists groups, community and law enforcement organizations have called for changes in how we provide safety and security to the residents of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, The Budget Appropriations Ordinance submitted by the Mayor of Chicago historically has been given two weeks for discussion by the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations, with the Chicago Police Department budget discussion lasting one day; and,

WHEREAS, The Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago are committed to hearing directly from the people of Chicago how to prioritize funding in the 2021 Appropriations Ordinance in a manner that is reflective of the will of the people; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations hold monthly public subject matter hearings in advance of the annual Appropriations Ordinance hearings for the expressed purpose of allowing the public a continuous opportunity to express their will and priorities concerning public safety in the City of Chicago; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such monthly subject matter hearings on public safety be held by the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations separate from any other regular committee hearing in perpetuity after the adoption of the Appropriations ordinance in order to ensure funding expenditures remain a continuous reflection of the public sentiment and will.