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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the contracts between the City of Chicago and Waste Management and Management Midwest (Sims), were recently, and;

WHEREAS, it is unclear which company won the Blue Cart Recycling Services Managed Competition, and;

WHEREAS, no criteria for determining success of the Managed Competition has been provided through the City of Chicago or the companies, and;

WHEREAS, during this managed competition contract the diversion rates, which measure how much recyclable material is diverted from landfills, have continued to decrease, falling to less than 10%, and;

WHEREAS, more than 22 million pounds of plastic are dumped into the Great Lakes every year, and;

WHEREAS, several other major cities including New York, Minneapolis, Washington D.C. and Boston have implemented zero waste programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that hearings be held before the Committee on Health and Environment of the Chicago City Council on the following issues:

- The status of the contracts between the City of Chicago and the aforementioned companies,
- The state and efficacy of recycling in Chicago at large,
- Which company has "won" the "Managed Competition" and how that was determined, and
- Any other related matters necessary to the dissemination of information regarding recycling contracts in the City of Chicago.