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Referred to the Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE CITY OF CHICAGO COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD A SECOND SUBJECT MATTER HEARING ON FLEET ELECTRIFICATION WITH IMPACTED CITY DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago (City) owes a responsibility to all Chicagoans and their well-being, including the betterment of their economic growth, public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, The City recognizes the disparate impact climate change will continue to have should there be no imminent action taken, especially, as demonstrated through the City's "We Will Chicago Initiative" when considering the vast communities of color and lower socioeconomic status populations; and

WHEREAS, In January 19, 2022, the City's Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development (ECTD) held their first Fleet Electrification [subject matter hearing] with the goal of bettering understanding why Fleet Electrification is crucial to the advancement of health and environmental justice, and learn from national leaders in the space; and

WHEREAS, The first Fleet Electrification Hearing held by ECTD was a huge success and many of the members of City Council heard from speakers such as Dr. Elizabeth Kocs, Brian Urbaszewski, Keith Kerman, Rebecca Kiernan, Mike Menyhart, and John Wozniak on foundational topics such as why Fleet Electrification is important for the environment, the impact gas and fossil fuels have on our health, NYC's Clean Fleet Plan, City of Pittsburgh's Climate Action Plan, and current companies providing Fleet Electrification support throughout the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Keeping the City's Electricity Franchise Agreement in mind, the City operates and maintains a large fleet of vehicles across several departments and agencies that are essential to delivering city services; and

WHEREAS, The City's sister agency, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) recently announced details of their multi-year analysis for the full-electrification of one of the nation's largest bus systems, it is now time to call upon the City, including sister agencies, to discuss current efforts, measures of attainment, and roadmap to successfully driving Fleet Electrification implementation throughout the City; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the City Council, call on the City of Chicago Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development to hold a second hearing focused on the importance of fleet electrification within the City of Chicago and how to attain goals. .

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