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Call for Governor Bruce Rauner to renew good faith , negotiations with state employees represented by AFSCME Council 31 and other public employee unions Committee on Workforce Development and Audit

Resolution Calling for Good Faith Negotiations

Whereas thousands of state of Illinois employees reside in the City of Chicago and serve our communities in a myriad ways, including helping the jobless and families in need, protecting the environment, preventing child abuse, safeguarding public health, assisting individuals with disabilities, and much more; and

Whereas Chicagoans rely on the wide array of services that state workers provide, particularly in some of our city's most impoverished communities which have already been impacted by Governor Bruce Rauner⁷ s refusal to work toward enactment of a state budget; and

Whereas Illinois state employees have a voice on the job through their unions and for more than 40 years of collective bargaining, have always been able to reach contract settlements with governors of both political parties that were fair to employees and taxpayers without the disruption of services that would result from a strike; and

Whereas since January 2016 Governor Rauner has refused to negotiate with AFSCME Council 31, which represents some 38,000 state employees, holding hostage their collective bargaining agreement just as he is holding hostage the state budget, jeopardizing vital public services for millions of Chicago residents;

Whereas, the governor has refused to meet again since then, even though the union repeatedly made clear its

willingness to continue negotiating; and

Whereas state employees recognize the challenges that the state's current budget difficulties pose and have clearly signaled a willingness to take those difficulties into account as reflected in the settlement framework recently put forth by AFSCME which would not represent any increased costs for the state; and

Whereas Governor Rauner is now trying to impose his own terms on employees without any further negotiation with their union; and

Whereas imposition of the Governor's terms would weaken workers' rights and diminish the average state employee's income by thousands of dollars, which would in turn negatively impact the many Chicago neighborhoods where state employees reside; and

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Whereas the Governor's actions leave state employees few options but to accept those harmful terms or go out on strike; and

Whereas employees have done everything possible to avert a strike which they know would inflict hardships both on their own families and on the individuals and communities they serve and: now therefore

Be it resolved that the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered this day j&2of 7&> , do hereby call on Governor Bruce Rauner to renew negotiations with the thousands of state employees represented by AFSCME Council 31 and other unions with whom he has not yet reached settlements and work in good faith to reach agreements that are fair to all, and

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Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Bruce Rauner and members of

the Illinois General Assembly.

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