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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an unacceptable number of City residents, including a disproportionate number of youth, women, and minorities, are unemployed and underemployed; and

WHEREAS, the City, by way of O'Hare Airport, Midway Airport, CREATE, and other infrastructure owned or supported by the City, is a national and international hub for industries associated with the transportation and transportation-related sectors; and

WHEREAS, a critical and substantial portion of the City's current and possibly expanded economy is associated with the transportation and transportation-related sectors; and

WHEREAS, through its current operations and future expansions, O'Hare Airport entails and promotes invaluable opportunities for meaningful employment in the transportation and transportation-related sectors; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement between the City and United Airlines, relative to O'Hare Airport, presents an immediate opportunity to promote greater employment among City residents, youth, women, and minorities by establishing meaningful and practical connections between (1) the regional economy and workforce development; (2) actual employment opportunities and such aspects of workforce development as on-site programming, job training, on-the-job training, and mentor-protege relationships; and (3) the sites at which employment opportunities arise and the sites at which workforce development takes place; and

WHEREAS, the contents and structure of the proposed agreement between the City and United Airlines can establish the vision and framework through which the City continues to promote meaningful and practical connections between workforce development and those sectors associated with transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City can undeniably grow its economy by cultivating a workforce equipped to successfully work in the transportation and transportation-related sectors, including such fields as construction, maintenance, repair, logistics, distribution, shipping, hospitality, tourism, customer service, food service, security, passengers, and freight; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, That no later than August 31, 2017, following consultation with business and union leaders associated with transportation and transportation-related sectors directly or indirectly connected to O'Hare Airport (including such fields as construction, maintenance, repair, logistics, distribution, shipping, hospitality, tourism, customer service, security, passengers, and freight), the Workforce Services Division of the Department of Family and Support Services, and other stakeholders, Corporation Counsel shall present to the City Council a proposed provision for the proposed agreement between the City and United Airlines through which (1) no less than two percent of the revenues derived from said lease agreement shall be directly utilized to provide, at O'Hare Airport, workforce development services to City

residents who are unemployed or underemployed, such services to have an immediate nexus to employers who are directly or indirectly associated with O'Hare Airport; and

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(2) establishes the vision and contractual framework through which the City will continue to promote meaningful and practical connections between workforce development and those sectors associated with transportation and transportation-related services.