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## Legislation Text

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Committee on Finance March 13, 2019 City Council  
Meeting

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### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is a home rule unit of government pursuant to the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6 (a); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the City of Chicago may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs including promotion the quality of life and the welfare of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Chicago Department of Buildings is charged with the safety of and quality of life as well as enforcement of the Chicago Building code; and,

WHEREAS, the Chicago Department of Procurement is the contracting authority for the City of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Aviation administers all aspects of Chicago's two world-class international airports, O'Hare and Midway; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Management delivers exceptional quality water to the residents of Chicago and manages waste and storm-water; and,

WHEREAS, recent reports from Detroit have surfaced that McDonagh Demolition, a Chicago-based company, improperly disposed of demolition debris; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit is in the process of revoking McDonagh's wrecking license, halted all of McDonagh's current projects, and is moving to permanently ban the company from future work in Detroit; and,

WHEREAS, McDonagh currently has contracts worth millions of dollars with the Department of Water Management, Department of Aviation and Department of Buildings; and,

WHEREAS, questions about McDonagh's improper actions have been raised by members of the Chicago City Council in light of the recent reports from the City of Detroit; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential that City Council members be properly briefed so that they may adequately respond to the inquiries of their constituents; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Chicago City Council do hereby call upon the

Commissioners for the Department of Buildings, Department of Procurement, Department of Aviation, and Department of Water Management or their designees to appear before the City Council Committee on Finance at a hearing

to discuss this matter to ensure the utmost respect and care is given to communities being served by this contractor.