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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rebekah Scheinfeld is retiring as Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) after five years of dedicated and distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of her departure from CDOT by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, a native Chicagoan, Rebekah Scheinfeld earned a B. A. Degree in Urban Studies from Brown University and an M B A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and a Juris Doctor from that same institution; and

WHEREAS, with a diverse and wide-ranging background in urban development, public transportation, infrastructure improvement, preservation of open space and real estate, Rebekah Scheinfeld held a number of key positions in the law and public administration; and

WHEREAS, Rebekah Scheinfeld began her career with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation as an Operations Coordinator in 1999, advancing to the post of principal aide to First Deputy Commissioner for Operations and Capital Projects; and ■

WHEREAS, Rebekah Scheinfeld monitored a \$200 million capital program and coordinated inter-agency projects and chaired senior operations management meetings and conducted performance reviews and goal-setting for sixty districts; and

WHEREAS, Rebekah Scheinfeld joined East Lake Management & Development Corporation in 2001 as a Senior Development Manager, managing development of mixed-finance, mixed-income communities including Wabash Crossing in Decatur and East St. Louis, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Rebekah Scheinfeld joined for the firm of Mayer Brown as an Associate in 2008 representing public and private sector clients with their legislative and regulatory matters,. infrastructure and transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, as Chief Planning Officer and Senior Vice President for the Chicago Transit Authority 2011-2014, Rebekah Scheinfeld managed long-term strategic planning for the rail and bus system, including reconstruction and extension of the North and South Red Line and oversaw construction of new rail stations and introduction of new transit service; and

WHEREAS, Rebekah Scheinfeld received appointment from former Mayor Rahm Emanuel to serve as Commissioner of CDOT succeeding Gabe Klein in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, as Commissioner, Rebekah Scheinfeld led key public transportation initiatives for the City of

Chicago including the addition of two new CTA stations, development of the Chicago Riverwalk, The 606 and Bloomingdale Trail, the Navy Pier Flyover and significant street repair and environmentally sustainable programs and upgrades; and

WHEREAS, through diligent and uncompromising standards, Rebekah Scheinfeld has helped ensure public safety stemming from the deployment of red-light and speed cameras in the "Vision Zero" program aimed to curb vehicle-pedestrian accidents and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership and vision, Rebekah Scheinfeld has helped to craft a safer and more efficient system of public and private transportation for the citizens of Chicago; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this twentieth day of May, 2019, do hereby thank Rebekah Scheinfeld for her five years of leadership as Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation, and wish her the very best as she begins the next phase of her life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Rebekah Scheinfeld.

Edward M. Burke Alderman, 14th
Ward