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May 13, 2026

Honorable Andrea Valencia
City Clerk - City of Chicago
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Chicago City Clerk-Council Div.
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Re: **Rule 41 – R2025-0018197**
Submission of public question by referendum to Chicago

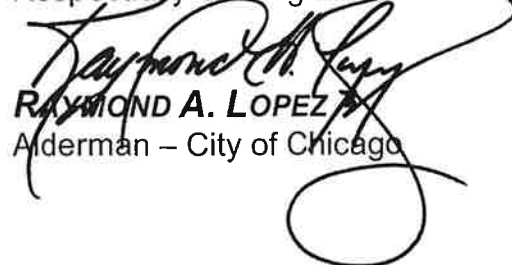
Clerk Valencia:

Pursuant to Rule 41 of the 2023-2027 City Council Rules of Order & Procedure, please accept this notice of my intention to discharge from the Committee on Committees and Rules and call for a vote on R2025-0018197, which was referred to committee during the June 18, 2025 meeting of the City of Chicago City Council. This resolution has been held within committee for three hundred twenty-nine (329) days without having been called for a hearing.

A substitute will be provided amending the resolution to reflect the next upcoming general election date of November 3, 2026.

Kindly return this notice with the appropriate time stamp so that electronic copies of this notification can be delivered to the Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago as required by the Rule. Until then, I remain,

Respectfully Serving the 15th Ward


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ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the home rule powers articulated in Article VII of the 1970 Illinois Constitution and Article 38 of the Illinois Election Code, the City Council of the City of Chicago hereby initiates and authorizes the following referendum question to be submitted to the voters of the entire City of Chicago at the regularly scheduled Primary Election scheduled for March 17, 2026:

“Shall the people of Chicago establish a 100-day, non-salaried office of Chicago Reform Commission made up of 25 delegates elected by Chicago voters to reform and improve city government by drafting a city charter proposal that shall be submitted to Chicago voters for their referendum approval at the next election as follows:

The Chicago Reform Commission shall consist of 25 Chicago delegates elected by Chicago voters with one delegate elected from each of the 20 Chicago Board of Education subdistricts and five delegates elected at-large in the city. A delegate of the Reform Commission serve without compensation or expense reimbursement and shall serve a 100-day term, starting 14 days after election certification. The Reform Commission shall hold at least 12 public hearings in neighborhoods across the city and shall be a public body subject to the Illinois Open Meetings Act and Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Reform Commission records and minutes shall be available to the public at the office of the City Clerk. Reasonable expenses for conducting the hearings and operations of the Reform Commission shall be paid by the City Clerk. The Commission shall adopt rules and its Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected by the delegates. The Reform Commission shall have a 100-day tenure and by majority vote of its delegates shall adopt a city charter proposal to reform and alter the organization and governance of the existing form of city government and its officers. The Commission shall submit such proposal to the City Clerk who shall promptly submit the charter proposal to the Chicago Board of Elections for referendum approval by Chicago voters at the next regular election.

Any Chicago registered voter who is not an elected public official is eligible to be a candidate for Reform Commission delegate with the same eligibility requirements and campaign contribution and expenditure laws applicable to a Chicago aldermanic candidate. A sub-district candidate shall be a registered voter in his or her sub-district and shall submit at least 1000 candidacy petition signatures of registered voters in the sub-district. A city at-large candidate shall

be a Chicago registered voter and shall submit at least 5000 candidacy petition signatures. The candidacy petition circulation period shall begin 224 days before the election and candidacy petitions shall be filed with the Chicago Board of Elections between 141 days and 134 days before the election. Candidates shall submit a statement of candidacy and a receipt for a statement of economic interest filed with the Cook County Clerk. Delegates shall be elected at the first regular election occurring at least eight months after referendum approval of the Reform Commission. The candidate with the greatest number of votes cast in each sub-district shall be elected and the five candidates with the greatest number of votes cast in the city at-large election shall be elected. A tie shall be resolved by a coin flip and a vacancy in the office of Reform Commission delegate shall be filled by the candidate who received the next highest vote in the election. Removal provisions for the office of Reform Commission delegate shall be the same as for the office of City Clerk?"

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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