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CITY of CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

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Special Meeting -- Monday, April 1, 2024

at 2:00 P.M.

(Council Chamber -- City Hall -- Chicago, Illinois)

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**OFFICIAL RECORD.**

**BRANDON JOHNSON**  
Mayor

**ANDREA M. VALENCIA**  
City Clerk

### **Attendance At Meeting.**

*Present* -- The Honorable Brandon Johnson, Mayor, and Alderpersons La Spata, Hopkins, Dowell, Robinson, Yancy, Hall, Harris, Beale, Chico, Lee, Ramirez, Quinn, Gutiérrez, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, Curtis, Taylor, Mosley, Rodríguez, Tabares, Scott, Sigcho-Lopez, Fuentes, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Cruz, Cardona, Waguespack, Rodríguez-Sánchez, Conway, Ramirez-Rosa, Villegas, Mitts, Sposato, Vasquez, Napolitano, Reilly, Knudsen, Lawson, Gardiner, Clay, Martin, Manaa-Hoppenworth, Hadden, Silverstein.

*Absent* -- Alderpersons Mitchell, O'Shea, Nugent.

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### **Call To Order.**

On Monday, April 1, 2024 at 2:25 P.M. (the hour appointed for the meeting was 2:00 P.M.), the Honorable Brandon Johnson, Mayor, called the City Council to order. The clerk called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Alderpersons La Spata, Dowell, Robinson, Hall, Beale, Chico, Ramirez, Quinn, Gutiérrez, Lopez, Moore, Curtis, Rodríguez, Tabares, Scott, Sigcho-Lopez, Fuentes, Taliaferro, Cruz, Cardona, Waguespack, Rodríguez-Sánchez, Conway, Villegas, Sposato, Vasquez, Napolitano, Reilly, Gardiner, Martin, Manaa-Hoppenworth, Hadden, Silverstein -- 33.

Quorum present.

At this point in the proceedings, the Honorable Brandon Johnson, Mayor, informed the City Council that Alderpersons Hopkins, Yancy, Harris, Lee, Coleman, Taylor, Mosley, Burnett, Ervin, Ramirez-Rosa, Mitts, Knudsen, Lawson and Clay submitted requests, pursuant to Rule 59 of the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, to attend the meeting remotely.

The members physically present in the Chamber accepted by a unanimous viva voce vote the requests by Alderpersons Hopkins, Yancy, Harris, Lee, Coleman, Taylor, Mosley, Burnett, Ervin, Ramirez-Rosa, Mitts, Knudsen, Lawson and Clay to attend the meeting remotely pursuant to Rule 59 of the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, resulting in a quorum of 47 alderpersons.

**Pledge Of Allegiance.**

Mayor Brandon Johnson led the City Council and assembled guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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**Invocation.**

Reverend Dr. Myron McCoy, pastor of First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, opened the meeting with prayer.

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*Placed On File -- CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING.*

[F2024-0008515]

The Clerk informed the City Council that the following call for a special meeting was filed in the Office of the City Clerk on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 3:44 P.M.:

OFFICE OF CHICAGO  
CITY COUNCIL

March 27, 2024.

Honorable Anna Valencia  
City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 107  
121 North LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

CLERK VALENCIA -- We the undersigned members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby call a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Chicago, to be convened on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 2:00 P.M.

The special meeting is for the following purpose and for no other purpose whatsoever:

For the immediate consideration of a resolution amending the 2023 -- 2027 Rules of Order and Procedure, removing Alderman Byron Sigcho-Lopez as Chair of the Committee on Housing and Real Estate (attached).

As this has been requested of the Honorable Brandon Johnson, Mayor, in advance of this meeting, should Alderperson Sigcho-Lopez resign his post in writing before this special meeting, we will gladly rescind this request (R2024-0004224).

Signed and electronically submitted on behalf of the City of Chicago,

Honorable Chris Taliaferro  
Alderman, 29<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Bill Conway  
Alderman, 34<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Gilbert Villegas  
Alderman, 36<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Anthony Beale  
Alderman, 9<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Peter Chico  
Alderman, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Marty Quinn  
Alderman, 13<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Raymond Lopez  
Alderman, 15<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Silvana Tabares  
Alderwoman, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward

Honorable Monique Scott  
Alderwoman, 24<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Felix Cardona  
Alderman, 31<sup>st</sup> Ward

Honorable Scott Waguespack  
Alderman, 32<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Honorable Nicholas Sposato  
Alderman, 38<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Anthony Napolitano  
Alderman, 41<sup>st</sup> Ward

Honorable Brendan Reilly  
Alderman, 42<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Honorable Debra Silverstein  
Alderwoman, 50<sup>th</sup> Ward

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PUBLIC COMMENT.

In accordance with the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, the following members of the general public addressed the City Council:

Pete Czosnyka

Anthony P.

Marc Kaplan

Jeff Tischauser

Daniel Lakemacher

Mr. Bravo

Zoe Leigh

George Blakemore

Tiwon Sims

Neal Resnikoff

In accordance with the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, the following member of the general public submitted written comments to address the City Council:

Sveta Stoytcheva

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*Failed To Pass* -- AMENDMENT OF 2023 -- 2027 RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF ALDERPERSON BYRON SIGCHO-LOPEZ AS CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE.

[R2024-0008525]

Following debate on the resolution, Alderperson Fuentes moved to call the question for a vote on the resolution noticed in the call for the special meeting.

The Chair asked Alderperson Fuentes to reconsider her motion to allow two additional members of the City Council to speak on the matter. Alderperson Fuentes thereupon withdrew her motion.

After further debate on the resolution, Mayor Johnson noted the presence of former 11<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman James Balcer in the Commissioners' gallery and requested leave of the body to allow the former alderman the privilege of the floor to address the City Council. Hearing no objection, Alderman Balcer proceeded to thank the members of the City Council

for their impassioned debate and proclaimed his personal beliefs and respect for the American flag and its symbolic importance. Remembering his own military service, Alderman Balcer spoke of the 18,000 Vietnam veterans from Illinois who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States and the mournful homecoming they received in flag-draped caskets. We must remember and honor their service, Alderman Balcer asserted, and expressed his appreciation to Mayor Johnson for his support of the recently completed Vietnam Veterans Memorial restoration project. Thanking and memorializing the thousands of selfless veterans who served our nation in World War I and World War II, Alderman Balcer spoke of the members of his family who honorably answered the call to duty and recalled the sorrowful passing of his mother, his brother and his grandfather and the flag that proudly draped their caskets. The American flag is not merely a piece of cloth, Alderman Balcer stated, and it should not be burned under any circumstance.

At this point in the proceedings, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderperson Ervin who spoke on the resolution and thereafter moved the previous question.

Alderperson Lopez noted that a motion to adopt the resolution was not previously presented to the body and therefore he moved to adopt the proposed resolution.

The clerk called the roll and the proposed resolution *Failed to Pass* by yeas and nays as follows:

*Yeas* -- Alderpersons Beale, Chico, Quinn, Lopez, Tabares, Scott, Cardona, Waguespack, Conway, Villegas, Sposato, Napolitano, Reilly, Lawson, Gardiner, Silverstein -- 16.

*Nays* -- Alderpersons La Spata, Hopkins, Dowell, Robinson, Yancy, Hall, Harris, Ramirez, Gutiérrez, Coleman, Moore, Curtis, Taylor, Mosley, Rodríguez, Sigcho-Lopez, Fuentes, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Cruz, Rodríguez-Sánchez, Ramirez-Rosa, Vasquez, Knudsen, Clay, Martin, Manaa-Hoppenworth, Hadden -- 29.

Alderperson Dowell moved to reconsider the foregoing vote. The motion was lost.

Said resolution, which failed to pass, reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Chicago has adopted its 2023 -- 2027 Rules of Order and Procedure; and

WHEREAS, Rule 36 of the 2023 -- 2027 Rules of Order and Procedure all for the members of the City Council to adopt a resolution codifying standing committee membership and leadership; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has entrusted to Alderperson Byron Sigcho-Lopez to serve as Chair of the Committee on Housing and Real Estate for the 2023 -- 2027 term; and

WHEREAS, Recent actions by Alderperson Byron Sigcho-Lopez call into question his judgment and fitness to serve in that capacity; now, therefore,

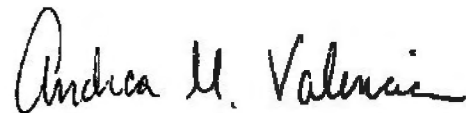
*Be It Resolved*, That, in accordance with Rule 36 of the 2023 -- 2027 Rules of Order and Procedure, Alderperson Byron Sigcho-Lopez is hereby immediately removed as Chair of the Committee on Housing and Real Estate; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That such removal will be effective immediately and that the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Housing and Real Estate shall assume leadership of the committee until the City Council of the City of Chicago installs a permanent Chair for the remainder of the 2023 -- 2027 term.

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**Adjournment.**

Alderperson Dowell moved that the City Council do *Adjourn*. The motion *Prevailed* by a viva voce vote and the City Council *Stood Adjourned*.



ANDREA M. VALENCIA,  
*City Clerk.*