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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

Executive Order No. 2011-2

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Chicago are entitled to have absolute faith in the integrity of governmental decisions and it is crucial that individuals who are elected to public oftice have the trust, respect and contidence of the citizenry; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote public confidence in government and its decision-making, it is necessary that public officials adhere to the highest ethical standards and avoid transactions and circumstances that may compromise or appear to compromise the independence of any City decision; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the public have confidence that City government and its policies are driven by the City's best interests; and

WHEREAS, current state statutes and local ordinances governing political contributions prohibit anonymous political contributions or contributions in the names of other persons and prohibit anyone from compelling, coercing or intimidating another into making political contributions; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Order represent a message to every Chicagoan that the City's Mayor is committed to a city administration based on the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, by this Order, an unmistakable message about ethical conduct will be conveyed; now, therefore,

I, RAHM EMANUEL, Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby order as follows:

1. **Definitions**

"Contribution" means a "political contribution" as defined in Section 2-156-010 of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

"Lobbyist" means a person who is registered as a lobbyist with the Board of Ethics pursuant to Chapter 2-156 of The Municipal Code of Chicago.

"Political Fundraising Committee" means a "political fundraising committee" as defined in Section 2-156-010 of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

2. Violations

It shall be a violation of this Order for any Lobbyist to make a Contribution of any amount to the Mayor or to his **P**olitical Fundraising Committee.

3. Enforcement

The Board of Ethics shall not accept a lobbyist registration statement from any person who it finds to have violated this Order.

4. General Provisions

- a. If any provision of this Order or the application of such provision is held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and other dissimilar applications of such provision shall not be affected.
- b. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect authority granted by law to a department, agency, board or the head thereof
 - c. This Order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law.
- d. This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the City of Chicago, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

5. Effective Date

This Order shall take effect upon its execution and filing with the City Clerk.

Mayor

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