



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-6

WHEREAS, citywide plans are tools used by municipalities throughout the world to identify needs, establish goals, and create strategies to achieve them; and

WHEREAS, when formally adopted by a government agency or related entity, a citywide plan provides a framework for the consideration of public policies, legislation, financing, and projects that serve to implement its objectives; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's history has been shaped by hundreds of plans created by neighborhood groups, business associations, civic organizations, and City departments that have influenced policies, regulations, and projects that continue to impact Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, *We Will Chicago* is a citywide plan designed to guide and promote equity and resiliency in Chicago over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, *We Will Chicago* recognizes that many of the City's most pressing needs are due to systemic inequities that have been decades in the making; and

WHEREAS, the process of developing the *We Will Chicago* draft plan included the engagement of over 13,000 residents since the initiative started in 2020, including deep engagement with 115 Chicago residents and 25 community partners selected through an open, citywide application process; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing implementation of *We Will Chicago* over the next decade will be a collective effort across City departments, sister agencies, community leaders, residents, civic organizations, business associations, and the many other neighborhood stakeholders it is intended to support; now, therefore,

I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby order as follows:

1. The establishment of a We Will Implementation Steering Committee, coordinated by the Department of Planning and Development and the Office of the Mayor, the purpose of which shall be to:
 - a. Convene City departments, sister agencies, businesses, community partners, and residents around a shared vision for a more equitable and resilient City of Chicago, as articulated in the *We Will Chicago* framework plan (published at <https://wewillchicago.com>);
 - b. Advance the goals and objectives set forth in the eight pillars of *We Will Chicago*:
 - i. Arts & Culture
 - ii. Civic & Community Engagement
 - iii. Economic Development
 - iv. Environment, Climate & Energy
 - v. Housing & Neighborhoods
 - vi. Lifelong Learning
 - vii. Public Health & Safety
 - viii. Transportation & Infrastructure
 - c. Engage residents, and government, non-profit, business, philanthropic, and other partners beyond the Steering Committee to encourage implementation actions aligned with *We Will Chicago*, and to encourage the incorporation of the framework into other planning and policy initiatives;
 - d. Review progress reports, departmental action plans, and other related implementation materials, and make recommendations on best practices and innovative policies, programs, and funding opportunities that could advance *We Will Chicago* goals and objectives;
 - e. Identify policy barriers and regulatory burdens that contribute to racial, gender, class, and other disparities across quality-of-life indicators in each of the eight pillars of *We Will Chicago*;
 - f. Identify funding streams and sources to support the above work; and
 - g. Review progress overtime on population- and neighborhood-level equity and sustainability data indicators included as baseline data in the 2023 plan.

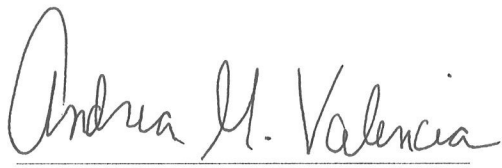
2. The Department of Planning and Development and the Office of the Mayor shall invite participation in the Steering Committee by relevant City departments and sister agencies, including but not limited to, the Chicago Department of Public Health, the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, the Office of Climate and Environmental Equity, and the Office of Equity and Racial Justice. The Department of Planning and Development and the Office of the Mayor shall also invite participation by non-City organizations and individuals representing the City's vast and diverse communities and stakeholder groups, including but not limited to:
 - a. Representatives from historically marginalized communities, people with disabilities, and persons representing populations that have been historically excluded from city planning and policymaking;
 - b. Representatives from critical sectors for implementation, such as organizations with expertise in health, racial, and environmental equity; academia and research; banks, community development financial institutions, and other entities that promote access to capital and engage in community development; real estate developers and land use experts; large and small employers; and organizations with expertise in citywide or neighborhood planning and plan implementation; and
 - c. Other community and technical experts as may be deemed appropriate by the Department of Planning and Development and the Office of the Mayor.
3. The Department of Planning and Development and the Office of the Mayor shall partner with relevant City departments, including but not limited to, the Chicago Department of Public Health; the Chicago Department of Transportation; the Chicago Department of Housing; the Department of Buildings; the Department of Family and Support Services; the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection; the Department of Assets, Information and Services; the Department of Streets and Sanitation; and others as may be deemed appropriate by the Department of Planning and the Office of the Mayor. The purpose of such partnership shall be to create Pillar Action Plans, consisting of both short-term and mid-term commitments to advance the goals and objectives of *We Will Chicago* over the next five years. Departments shall review policy ideas in the *We Will Chicago* Implementation Starter Guide, existing initiatives and strategic plans, including but not limited to the Climate Action Plan, Healthy Chicago 2025, and the Chicago Recovery Plan, and other sources to inform Pillar Action Plans. Pillar Action Plans shall be created by December 31, 2023, and updated periodically thereafter.

4. The City departments named in paragraph (2) and (3) may utilize their existing authorities to enter into intergovernmental agreements or memoranda of understanding with the other invited participants, as needed and as appropriate, to achieve the purposes stated in subparagraphs (a) through (g) of paragraph (1).
5. The City departments named in paragraph (2) and (3) shall also align budget equity efforts and racial equity action plans, developed in partnership with the Office of Equity and Racial Justice, with the *We Will Chicago* framework.
6. The Steering Committee may form working groups to help inform and advance the purposes stated in subparagraphs (a) through (g) of paragraph (1).
7. As necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes stated in subparagraphs (a) through (g) of paragraph (1), the Steering Committee may work with the Department of Law to identify available pathways to entering into intergovernmental agreements or memoranda of understanding with the relevant governmental entities.
8. The Steering Committee shall convene no later than September 15, 2023, and shall meet at least twice each year.
9. The Department of Planning and Development and the Office of the Mayor shall annually report to the Steering Committee concerning implementation activities relevant to *We Will Chicago*. A report on such activities shall also be made publicly available.
10. In partnership with the Steering Committee, the Department of Planning and Development and the Office of the Mayor shall update the *We Will Chicago* framework plan no later than every ten years following the effective date of this Executive Order.

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


Mayor

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City Clerk

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