

SALUTE TO MARIE "MIMI" KOTOWSKI SIMON ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, after 20 years as an outstanding City of Chicago public servant, Marie "Mimi" Kotowski Simon will be retiring from city service on January 31, 2025. Throughout those two decades, she has been appointed as the Public Affairs Director for various City departments; and

WHEREAS Mimi was born and raised in Chicago, graduating from Boone Grammar School and St Scholastica High School before earning a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Illinois Champaign. She started her career with the city's Department of Revenue in 1992, providing assistance to constituents seeking business and entertainment licenses. Her talents were soon noticed by the Department of Planning & Development where she was an integral part of creating of Mayor Richard M. Daley's Business Express initiative, expediting the needs of businesses in every neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mimi served as the Department of Buildings' Public Affairs Director, helping to streamline permitting processes and develop successful communication strategies that highlighted the many important permitted construction projects throughout the city, always shining a positive light on all essential PBC projects, serving as a community liaison and helping to tackle the community's concerns on new construction projects; and

WHEREAS, for more than 3 years, Mimi was Public Affairs Director for the Department of Streets and Sanitation, developing ongoing strategies for neighborhood recycling, rodent abatement, and created the "You Name a Snowplow" contest that annually include the participation of 10,000-plus Chicago residents; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Marie "Mimi" Kotowski Simon and her husband raised a beautiful family of four children. Her civic engagements included volunteering regularly at Misericordia, a community of care that maximizes potential for persons with mild to profound developmental disabilities, many of whom are also physically challenged; and

WHEREAS the Honorable Bennett R. Lawson, Alderman of the 44th Ward has apprised this august body of the significant milestone achieved by this outstanding and exceptional public servant; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 15th day of January, 2025, do hereby express our heartfelt gratitude to Marie (Mimi) Kotowski Simon for her decades of outstanding service to the City of Chicago, offer our congratulations on the occasion of her retirement and best wishes for success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Marie (Mimi) Kotowski Simon.



BENNETT R. LAWSON
Alderman - 44th ward