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~~Agreed Calendar
Chicago City Council Meeting
January 31, 2024~~

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Taiwan remains a beacon of freedom, democracy and human rights supported by the rule of law fostering peace and prosperity for its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, The Taiwan Relations Act has allowed the United States to build and grow its relations with Taiwan, expanding its importance as an Indo-Pacific trade and investment partner in the areas of health & medicine, semiconductor supply chain, science and technology, and educational opportunity and advancement; and,

WHEREAS, The Taiwanese economy produced an estimated \$786 Billion in goods and services, enhancing supply chains integrity and security, science, and the digital economies; and,

WHEREAS, Thanks to educational programs such as the Fulbright Program and the US-Taiwan Education Initiative, tens of thousands of students have been able to go between Taiwan and the United States to receive their educations from high school to post-graduate degrees; and,

WHEREAS, Taiwan, the State of Illinois and City of Chicago, facilitated by organizations such as the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, have fostered and maintained relationships of mutual respect, opportunity, and prosperity; and,

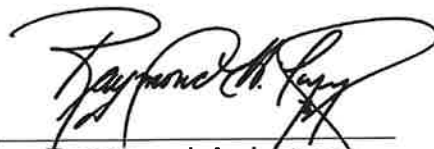
WHEREAS, the City Council Taiwan Friendship Caucus, along with the Illinois General Assembly Taiwan Friendship Caucus, welcomed Taiwan Ambassador Bi-khim Hsiao to the City Council in September 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Taiwan, officially referred to as the Republic of China, held its sixteenth direct presidential elections since 1996 without government or military interference allowing for the voice of the people to be heard without impediment; and,

WHEREAS, On January 13, 2024, Democratic Progress Party candidates Ching-te Lai and Bi-khim Hsiao were elected as the next President and Vice President of Taiwan, respectively, with more than 5.58 million votes.; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 31st Day of January, 2024, join together to congratulate Taiwan President-elect Ching-te Lai and Vice President-elect Bi-khim Hsiao on their election victory; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO,
That a suitable copy of this resolution be provided to the Republic of China and the Taipei
Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago as token of our best wishes to the people of
Taiwan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond A. Lopez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Raymond A. Lopez
Alderman, 15th Ward