

RESOLUTION NUMBER ????

SUPPORTING SEIU LOCAL 1 JANITORS IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS FOR FAIR AND EQUITABLE CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, almost 11,000 Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1 janitors and custodians who service Chicagoland office buildings, city properties, and Chicago Public Schools will be bargaining new agreements in 2024; and

WHEREAS, these essential janitors have worked continuously to keep buildings in the Chicago metropolitan area and beyond clean and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, SEIU Local 1 janitors live in every one of Chicago's 77 Community Areas and clean more than 1,300 commercial properties, more than 1,300 schools, and 600 city properties; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, the essential workers that maintain Chicago's buildings are an integral part of the City's recovery from the dislocations of the COVID-19 pandemic as Chicagoans seek to restore normalcy and envision a reimagined city that provides prosperity for all Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, Local 1 janitors have seen their earnings fall behind inflation-induced increases in the cost of living, making ends meet increasingly difficult for janitors and making it harder for employers to retain experienced cleaners; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chicago City Council supports the the almost 11,000 SEIU Local 1 janitors as they seek to bargain fair agreements that ensure the thousands of public and private buildings across the City are maintained at the highest level and in a way that guarantees fair standards for essential workers protecting the future of Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Chicago City Council urges all employers and stakeholders to commit to achieving fair agreements that recognize the fundamental work that Chicago's janitors undertake every day and their role in maintaining some of Chicago's most valuable public and private assets.

Introduced on the **???** day of **???,???** by:

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2024, as attested by:

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