

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HEARING ON THE REOPENING OF
THE 63RD AND RACINE GREEN LINE STATION**

WHEREAS, Closed in the dead of winter 30 years ago – for what was supposed to be a two-week hiatus – the 63rd and Racine Green Line Station has remained closed ever since, stalling investment in the Englewood community for a generation; and

WHEREAS, Go Green on Racine – an initiative to revitalize and develop a thriving corridor in the Englewood community led by the Inner-City Muslim Action Network, Teamwork Englewood, E.G. Woode, and the Resident Association of Greater Englewood (R.A.G.E.) – have organized around reopening the station for years; and

WHEREAS, These organizing efforts led to the submission of an advisory referendum at the February 2023 municipal election to reopen the Classical Revival style station, which is included in the Chicago Historic Resource Survey, which the voters of the 16th Ward approved near-unanimously; and

WHEREAS, While the referendum was non-binding, the Chicago Transit Authority has indicated – in the words of CTA President Dorval Carter – that it is “fully committed to pursuing a reopened Racine Green Line station and making it a vital component of the community’s revitalization”; and

WHEREAS, In January 2023, it was announced that CTA was awarded \$2,000,000 in federal grant funding to conduct a feasibility study on the reopening of the station; and

WHEREAS, We must ensure that the City Council works with the CTA to address transit inequality and the resulting disinvestment in our neighborhoods, and ensure that our residents have access to the neighborhood where they live, work, and play; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council, call upon the Committee on Transportation and Public Way to hold a subject matter hearing on the status of the reopening of the 63rd and Racine Green Line Station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call upon CTA President Dorval Carter, and any CTA officials with relevant knowledge, to attend such hearing to provide information and testimony on the status of the feasibility study and anticipated timing of reopening the 63rd and Racine Green Line Station.


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