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CITY COUNCIL CONFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF THREE CABINET MEMBER OFFICIALS

MARIA GUERRA LAPACEK NAMED NEW COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Guerra to Bring Years of Government Experience and Focus on Government Efficiency to BACP

City Council today confirmed the appointment of Maria Guerra Lapacek to be the new commissioner of the Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP). Guerra has experience throughout City government with a particular focus on enhancing government efficiency and improving responsiveness to community, business and local elected officials.

"Maria has been an integral part of the team that established the City of Chicago's Small Business Center, passed our landmark licensing reform ordinance that slashed the number of business license categories by 60 percent, and spearheaded a series of consumer protection ordinances taking on fraudulent tax preparation services and reducing the proliferation of predatory lenders," said Mayor Emanuel, "As BACP Commissioner, Maria will fight relentlessly to protect residents and consumers, and continue to implement my vision for the department to serve as a concierge to Chicago's small businesses."

Guerra Lapacek previously served as the First Deputy Director of the Office of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs for the Mayor's office, where she organizes city council meetings, solicits input from aldermanic, business and community groups, and helps draft legislation on a range of issues. In this role, Guerra Lapacek served as a key strategist behind the Mayor's 2012 licensing reform ordinance, the establishment of the Small Business Center in the Mayor's 2013 Budget, the 2011 taxi reform ordinance, and a number of consumer protection ordinances passed during the first two and half years of the Emanuel Administration. She previously served as a Deputy Chief Financial Officer and in the Office of Management and Budget as a Deputy Budget Director, where she managed efforts to consolidate departments to save taxpayer dollars and implemented performance management measures for the City's human infrastructure departments.

"I am grateful to Mayor Emanuel for the opportunity to take on this new challenge of improving the business and regulatory environment in Chicago so that more businesses open and grow in our

great city,” said Guerra Lapacek. “My parents were once small business owners, so I am excited to continue the Mayor’s push to make City Hall as open and accessible as possible to the next generation of entrepreneurs.”

Guerra Lapacek received her law degree and MBA from DePaul University, and her undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Slippery Rock. She began her career in the broadcasting business, having worked for Telemundo in Chicago and San Jose, CA.

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**REBEKAH SCHEINFELD NAMED NEW COMMISSIONER
OF THE CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

*Experienced Leader with Extensive Transportation Background to Take Reins at CDOT and Continue
The Mayor’s Record of Expanding Transportation Option for All Chicagoans*

City Council today confirmed the appointment of Rebekah Scheinfeld to be the new commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) and submitted her nomination before City Council approval.

“In two and a half years, Chicago has become a national leader in expanding transportation options and rebuilding infrastructure. Rebekah will continue to build on our successful record and ensure that every Chicagoan has access to world-class transportation systems,” said Mayor Emanuel. “Her strong management skills will help guide CDOT as it continues the critical work of making sure Chicago has a strong, vibrant, accessible transportation network.”

Scheinfeld was previously the Chief Planning Officer and a Senior Vice President at the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), where she handles the CTA’s strategic planning for major capital projects and new transit service. Scheinfeld has led efforts to plan for the reconstruction of the Red Line – including 95th Street Station, reconstruction of the north section of the Red Line, and the southern extension – and for potential Bus Rapid Transit corridors. She also oversees service planning and scheduling for the bus and rail system, as well as the agency’s federal, state and local capital grants program.

“I am grateful to Mayor Emanuel for the opportunity to serve as commissioner of CDOT, and I look forward to continuing to modernize and improve the city’s transportation systems,” Scheinfeld said. “Chicago has proven itself as one of the most innovative, dynamic cities in its approach to transportation, and I am committed to cultivating this spirit of innovation to implement even more creative and effective ways to plan, build and maintain the public way.”

Scheinfeld is an attorney, having worked previously at Mayer Brown, representing public and private sector clients on major infrastructure and transportation projects. She also worked for East Lake Management & Development Corp. as a Senior Development Manager of mixed-income housing and for the New York City Parks Department as Director of Government Relations and Operations Coordinator. Scheinfeld has a BA in Urban Studies from Brown University and both her JD and MBA from Northwestern University.

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**CITY COUNCIL CONFIRMS THE APPOINTMENT OF
DANIEL WIDAWSKY AS CITY COMPTROLLER**

City Council today confirmed the appointment of Daniel Widawsky to serve as City Comptroller.

“I am pleased to have Dan Widawsky join the City of Chicago’s finance team. With more than 20 years’ experience as a finance, tax, and legal professional, he brings with him considerable knowledge and expertise from both the private and public sectors to serve Chicago taxpayers,” said Mayor Emanuel. “Dan is committed to ensuring the efficient management of City finances, and he will serve a key role in continuing my administration’s efforts to strengthen the City’s fiscal health, address our long-term obligations, and invest in Chicago’s future.”

Widawsky has served since 2007 as a Managing Director at Citadel, LLC. He was a partner and senior member of the firm's financial team, overseeing activities associated with a number of Citadel's largest and most successful transactions and initiatives. Widawsky also served as a Senior Executive at GE, and prior to that, was a Vice President at NBC.

“Chicago is a wonderful city, and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve on the Mayor’s finance team,” said Widawsky. “My efforts will be focused on managing the City’s resources efficiently and effectively on behalf Chicago residents and taxpayers.”

Holding a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of California Berkeley and a JD from Yale Law School, Widawsky led a talented and diverse team at Citadel, using his wealth of knowledge to help structure many successful initiatives for Citadel globally.

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