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**CITY COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE TO LEASE VACANT CITY-OWNED PROPERTY
TO AFTER SCHOOL MATTERS**

City Council today approved an ordinance introduced by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Department of Fleet and Facility Management to authorize the execution of a lease agreement for the downtown After School Matters location. The lease at 66 East Randolph Street will support office and programming space for young people from around Chicago.

"After School Matters understands that the guidance and support of a mentor can help change the direction of a young person's life and their family for generations," said Mayor Emanuel. "This downtown location will ensure more young Chicagoans can easily access a mentor today, which will help them look forward to the future with confidence and hope."

After School Matters has neighborhood-based locations, including at Gately Indoor Track & Field on the south side and the Michael & Karyn Lutz Center on the northwest side, supporting a unique partnership to provide mentoring and out-of-school time opportunities to young people from neighboring communities and throughout the city. After School Matters currently delivers more than 1,400 after-school and summer programs that serve more than 18,000 teens each year in schools, parks, libraries and community organizations across 72 of Chicago's 77 community areas.

The lease agreement will support the operations of After School Matters by providing office and programming space for ten years. After School Matters will be responsible for all facility operating expenses and for maintaining the building.

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