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## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR EMANUEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONER MONA NORIEGA

City Council today approved Mayor Rahm Emanuel's reappointment of Chair and Commissioner Mona Noriega to the Chicago Commission on Human Relations (CCHR).

"Mona is unwavering in her commitment to pursuing the fight to end discrimination on behalf of diverse community groups in Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "I am proud to reappoint her to lead CCHR, and look forward to our continued efforts to combat oppression and elevate the dignity and freedoms of residents throughout the City."

With her reappointment confirmed, Commissioner Noriega will serve until July 2020.

"I am humbled by the Mayor's vote of confidence in the work of CCHR under my leadership" said Commissioner Noriega. "CCHR is steadfast in its commitment to eliminate prejudice and discrimination and to bring Chicagoans from all walks of life together."

Promoting the power of diversity and discouraging bigotry is a top priority for Mayor Emanuel. Noriega has led CCHR in conducting and executing pro-active programs of education, intervention, and constituency building. Under her leadership, the City has fostered a culture of inclusion with efforts such as the prohibition of participation in a federal registry program and the travel ban to North Carolina in response to discriminatory laws. Further, a series of policies have been implemented since 2011 to secure the overall inclusion and rights of the LGBTQ community and to prevent discrimination throughout the city of Chicago. These include the city's own bathroom protection policy and landmark transgender health care reforms.

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