













2711 N Halsted St. Chicago, IL, 60614

July 22nd, 2022

Dear Mayor Lightfoot:

As leaders of neighborhood community groups that serve the 43rd Ward, we write to follow up on Alderman Smith's announcement that she will be retiring on August 12.

Alderman Smith has long partnered with us to advance our shared efforts to improve our community. We are hopeful that her successor will do the same, and similarly serve as a strong voice for our neighborhood.

As you consider whether to appoint an interim replacement, and the process for doing so, we would be grateful for the opportunity to consult with you. We believe that meaningful engagement and dialogue are critical to ensure that both the process and the ultimate selection best represent our community and our values.

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss with you and your team.

Best,

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