

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

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MAYOR

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I welcome all those gathered for the 15^{th} Annual Woodlawn Community Summit.

Founded in 2009, the Woodlawn Community Summit works to strengthen the economic and social capital of the Woodlawn neighborhood. The first Summit consisted of residents, neighborhoods associations, and community and civic leaders who came together to discuss safety, business, and growth. Over the past 15 years, the Summit has grown from 100 attendees to more than 500 and has led to the development of The Woodlawn Peace Project and The Woodlawn Chamber of Commerce.

This Summit will bring together neighbors, youth groups, elected officials, business owners, and community leaders to network, learn, and inspire. With a full schedule of interactive breakout sessions, networking events, panel discussions, and access to resources, this event will give residents the opportunity to plan and implement solutions facing the community such as housing, sustainability, economic development, and safety and security. I commend all those involved with the Woodlawn Community Summit for your ongoing efforts to promote community involvement and improve the Woodlawn community and the City of Chicago.

I hope your event is enjoyable. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Mayor