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**MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF CHICAGO BOARDS  
AND COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced his appointments to five boards and commissions in the City today. They include the Community Development Commission, Affirmative Action Advisory Board, Board of Health, Chicago Community Land Trust Board and Low Income Housing Trust Fund Board. These appointees represent a diverse group of community and business leaders from across the city.

"Throughout their careers, these individuals have shown a deep dedication to serving communities across Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "My administration is committed to providing people in every neighborhood with the highest quality and most effective services. I'm confident these appointees will help the City achieve its goals."

**Appointed to the Community Development Commission are:**

**Omar A. Duque**, Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, President and CEO

**Lynda A. Olander**, Precision Plating Company, Inc., Corporate Controller

**Shirley J. Newsome**, former Interim Alderman, Fourth Ward

**Andrew J. Mooney**, Department of Housing and Economic Development, Commissioner

**Ellen K. Sahli**, University of Chicago, Director of Civic Engagement

**Appointed to the Affirmative Action Advisory Board are:**

**Rajiv Khanna**, Market Contracting Services, Partner

**Arabel Alva Rosales**, AAR & Associates, LTD, President

**Anne “Nancy” M. Kiernan**, FCL Builders, Vice President of Business Development

**Hedy M. Ratner**, Women’s Business Development Center, Founder and Co-President

**Appointed to the Board of Health is:**

**Dr. Horace E. Smith**, Children’s Memorial Hospital, Comprehensive Sickle Cell/Thalassemia Program, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Director and Apostolic Faith Church, Pastor

**Appointed to the Chicago Community Land Trust Board are:**

**Bruce Gottschall**, former Executive Director, Neighborhood Housing Services

**Joy Aruguete**, Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation, Executive Director

**William F. Little**, Chicago Housing Authority, Executive Vice President, Development

**Ofelia Navarro**, Spanish Coalition for Housing, Executive Director

**Rosanna A. Marquez**, Eleanor Foundation, President and CEO

**Robert V. McGhee**, U.S. Bank, Vice President & Community Affairs Manager

**Pamela S. Gecan**, American Marketing Services, Founder and President

**Calvin L. Holmes**, Chicago Community Loan Fund, President

**Brenda Palms Barber**, North Lawndale Employment Network, Executive Director and Sweet Beginnings, LLC, Chief Executive Officer

**Edward H. Jacob**, Neighborhood Housing Services, Executive Director

**Joel D. Bookman**, LISC, Director of Programs

**Appointed to the Low Income Housing Trust Fund Board are:**

**Deborah E. Bennett**, Polk Bros. Foundation, Senior Program Officer

**Sol A. Flores**, La Casa Norte, Founding Executive Director

**Lawrence Grisham**, Department of Housing and Economic Development, Managing Deputy Commission, Bureau of Housing

**Carl A. Jenkins**, BMO Harris Bank, Community Investment Group, Managing Partner

**Gabriela Roman**, Latin United Community Housing Association, Director of Marketing and Fundraising

**Arloa Sutter**, Breakthrough Urban Ministries, Executive Director

**Kendra L. Jackson**, Holsten Real Estate Development Corporation, Holsten Human Capital Development, NFP, Vice President/Associate Director

**John W. Pfeiffer**, Department of Family and Support Services, First Deputy Commissioner

**Reverend Dr. Wayne L. Gordon**, Lawndale Community Church, Pastor and the Christian Community Development Association, President

**Reverend Richard Tolliver**, St Edmund's Episcopal Church, Rector and St. Edmund's Redevelopment Corporation (SERC), founder.

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