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**MAYOR LIGHTFOOT INTRODUCES APPOINTMENTS TO CHICAGO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**CHICAGO** – Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot named a roster of individuals to city boards and commissions on Wednesday.

“At this crucial juncture of our City’s recovery and budget cycle, these individuals will be key in ensuring that we keep the most important factor top of mind – and that’s the residents that we serve everyday,” said Mayor Lightfoot.

The Mayor recommended the following appointments to the City Council:

**Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on New Americans**

- Radhika Sharma Gordon, Education and Training Manager, Apna Ghar
- Hoan Huynh, Innovation Lead, Chicago Beyond
- Taneka Hye Wol Jennings, Deputy Director, HANA Center
- Mabel Menard, President, OCA Greater Chicago
- Sara D. Miranda, Family Nurse Practitioner, PCC Austin Family Wellness Center
- Barbara Munube, Contract Attorney
- Alicja Otap, Member, the Polish National Alliance and Editor in Chief, Dziennik Zwiazkowy-Polish Daily News
- Jennifer Rosato Perea, Dean, DePaul University College of Law
- Geraldo Polanco, Staff Attorney and Medical Legal Partnership Coordinator, Uptown People’s Law Center
- Katarina Ramos, Supervising Attorney, National Immigrant Justice Center’s Immigrant Legal Defense Project
- Alma Rodriguez, Senior Program Officer, Immigrant Communities
- Diana Rubi, Program Coordinator, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Ganiat Sarumi, Public Health Nurse, Uptown Health Center
- Laith Shaaban, Operations & Compliance Specialist, Derivative Path, Inc.

**Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on Women**



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- Loren Simmons, Chief Empowerment Officer, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago
- Linda Xóchitl Tortolero, President and CEO, Mujeres Latinas en Acción

In addition, The Chicago City Council approved the following appointments:

**Board of Ethics**

- David Daskal, Account Executive, Nextpoint (reappointment)
- Barbara McDonald, former Judge, Cook County Circuit Court (reappointment)

**Chicago Housing Authority Board of Commissioners**

- Craig Chico, President and CEO, Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council (reappointment)
- Mildred Harris, Founder and CEO, God First Ministries (reappointment)

**Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on Equity**

- Vidal Anguiano Jr., Data Science Management Consultant, Accenture Federal Services
- Libia Bianibi, Associate Director, Operations & Policy, Arts Alliance Illinois
- Leone José Bicchieri, Founding Executive Director, Working Family Solidarity
- Niketa Brar, Executive Director, Chicago United for Equity
- Arianna Cisneros, Program Officer, W.K. Kellogg Foundation
- Candace Coleman, Community Development Organizer, Access Living
- Derrick Dawson, Co-Program Coordinator, Crossroads Organizing and Training
- Glenance Green, Co-founder and Director, Black Researchers Collective
- Kim Jay, Community Health Worker, Sinai Urban Health Institute
- Bela Moté, Chief Executive Office, Carole Robertson Center for Learning
- Grace Pai, Director of Organizing, Asian Americans Advancing Justice
- José Rico, Chief Partnership Officer, United Way of Metropolitan Chicago
- James Rudyk Jr., Executive Director, Northwest Side Housing Center
- Jennifer Tinsley, Pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Church
- Shehara Waas, Research Manager, Metropolitan Planning Council
- Garth Walker, Emergency Physician, Jesse Brown Veteran Affairs Hospital
- Sharif Walker, President and CEO, Bethel New Life

**Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on LGBTQ+ issues**

- Maliyah Arnold, Economic Sanctions Adjudication Analyst, US Bancorp
- Anthony D'Amato, Vice President and General Counsel, Illinois Institute of Technology
- Jin-Soo Huh, Partner, The Learning Accelerator



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- Craig Johnson, Group Manager, Minority Affairs Section, American Medical Association
- Cornelius Lee, Associate Partner, Promise54
- Pamela Lightsey, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Meadville Lombard Theological School
- Veronica Lozano, Ryan White Case Manager, Howard Brown Health
- Frank Lukes, Counsel, Allstate Insurance Company
- Nikhaule Martin, Lending Hands for Life Coordinator, Erie Family Health Centers
- Anna DeShawn Rainey, Founder and CEO, E3 Radio
- Lauren Sivak, Managing Director, 2nd Story
- Amanda Vevers, Medical Social Consultant, UI Health

**Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on Women**

- Jessica Avitia, Analyst, Accenture
- Emily Blum, Executive Director, ADA 25 Advancing Leadership
- Felicia Davis, President and CEO, Chicago Foundation for Women
- Eileen Dordek, Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Jennifer Eleazer, Fraud Prevention Specialist, Tock
- Kimi Ellen, Founding Partner, Benford Brown & Associates, LLC
- Cherita Ellens, CEO, Women Employed
- Kim Fountain, Chief Operating Officer, Center on Halsted
- Mary Russell Gardner, former Secretary/Treasurer, Cook County Forest Preserve Board
- Karnika Iyengar, Executive Director, GirlForward
- Sonya Y. Jackson, Chief Experience Officer, Bonfire
- Lisa Koch Kornick, Co-Founder and Chief Experience Officer, First Women's Bank
- Renee Lee, CEO, Reaching Out to Sisters Everywhere Ministries
- Loretta Ivette Treviño, Senior Director of Business Development & Strategy, Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Jennifer Welch, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood of Illinois

**License Appeal Commission**

- Laura Parry, Managing Member Attorney, Klevatt & Associates, LLC

**Northwest Home Equity Commission**

- Gordon Hawkes, retired, O'Hare International Airport Stationary Engineer
- Pablo Medina, retired Manager, Child Support Services, State of Illinois Department Healthcare and Family Services (reappointment)
- Diane Reyes, retired Sales Associate (reappointment)



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- Laura Sayen, Project Manager, US Bank Community Development Corporation

### **Public Building Commission**

- Olga Camargo, Co-Head of FARO Advisory, a division of Toroso Investments (reappointment)
- Jose Maldonado, Jr., Business Rep/Organizer, Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters (reappointment)
- David Whittley, Pastor, Corinthian Temple Church of God in Christ (reappointment)

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

- Timothy Knudsen, Partner, Croke Fairchild Morgan & Beres LLC (appointed as Chair)
- Brian Sanchez, Partner, Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman, LLP

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