



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

October 23, 2015

Steve Berlin, Executive Director, Board of Ethics

Dan Widawsky, Comptroller:

This letter is to declare that the City of Chicago has received 60,000 tulip bulbs in October 2015 in celebration of the visit to Chicago of King Willem Alexander and Queen Máxima, the Royal Couple of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Mayor's Office is proud to accept this gift on behalf of the City. The tulips are being donated as a gift to the City of Chicago by Anthos, a Dutch trade organization for nursery stock and flower bulbs. Alderman Anthony Beale will receive 24,500 tulips for residents of the 9th ward, Chicago Public Schools will receive 20,000 bulbs that will be distributed amongst CPS schools, Chicago Park District will receive 15,000 bulbs, and City Hall roof top garden will receive 500 bulbs. The King and Queen of the Netherlands visited Chicago in June 2015 as part of their tour celebrating Holland's liberation in World War II. The Netherlands is the largest exporters of flowers in the world. The Netherlands is a top international trading partner of Chicago.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Berman".

Emily Berman  
Deputy Director

Mayor's Office of Strategic Partnerships and Global Affairs