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## MAYOR EMANUEL STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF LOIS WEISBERG

"Lois Weisberg made it her mission to weave the arts and culture into the social fabric of the City of Chicago. As Chicago's Cultural Affairs Commissioner, Lois revolutionized the role that arts and culture can play in building a better Chicago. From our public spaces to programming for our youth, Lois brought art and culture into the lives of every Chicagoan. The Taste of Chicago, the Chicago Blues Festival, and the Gallery 37 job-training program are just some of the pieces of her large and lasting legacy. Amy and I extend our deepest sympathies to Lois's family and her countless friends during this difficult time. We give thanks for her extraordinary service to the City of Chicago."

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