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MAYOR EMANUEL JOINS UNILEVER TO ANNOUNCE INVESTMENT IN LITTLE VILLAGE FACTORY

Major Improvements to One of the World's Largest Mayonnaise Factories to Benefit Neighborhood

Mayor Emanuel today joined Unilever to announce the company is making a major capital investment in its factory in Little Village. The improvements will modernize the site, give the factory more flexibility for future growth, and benefit the neighborhood with reduced and rerouted truck traffic as well as significant landscaping for aesthetics and buffering. The improvements will support the continued efficient operation of the factory, which has more than 200 employees.

"We are seeing a revitalization of industrial corridors across Chicago and this investment by Unilever will only strengthen it," Mayor Emanuel said. "Today Unilever is doubling down on the future we are building in Chicago and I look forward to working with them as they continue to grow and thrive for years to come."

"We appreciate the support of City leaders for this major project," Mark Carter, Supply Leader at Unilever said. "The investment will help us improve our site to operate more efficiently and is designed to benefit our neighborhood with reduced truck traffic and beautiful landscaping and buffering."

The work will move truck access to the facility through a new entrance on 26th Street that diverts traffic from the residential area around the facility. Additionally, the project will add more than 430 trees and a vegetative berm on the site's north and east boundaries.

"This plant supports hundreds of neighborhood jobs and this investment will help it continue to operate and benefit the Little Village community for generations to come," Alderman Ricardo Muñoz said. "I look forward to continuing to work with Unilever as they continue to grow and create even more jobs."

The plant produces Hellmann's and Best Foods Mayonnaise, the best-selling mayonnaise in the United States.

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