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MAYOR LIGHTFOOT NAMES MONIQUE SCOTT NEW 24TH WARD ALDERMAN

Appointment Comes at Conclusion of Selection Process Led by Community Members

CHICAGO - Today, Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced that Monique Scott, a lifelong Chicagoan raised in North Lawndale, will serve as the new alderman representing Chicago's 24th ward.

"Monique Scott has been a dedicated and active member of the North Lawndale community for her entire life," said Mayor Lightfoot. "There is no one better suited to lead the residents of the 24th ward at this critical time for recovery and development. Furthermore, Monique has the resourcefulness and community connectedness to work across sectors to get things done. I look forward to working with her as she takes on this new role."

The selection of Scott came after a thorough process in which applicants were reviewed by a four-member selection committee made up of dedicated public servants and 24th ward residents. The committee then recommended candidates to the Mayor.

Scott will appear in front of the City Council Committee on Committees and Rules prior to a confirmation vote by the full City Council on Wednesday, June 22nd.

"I am honored to be chosen to represent the hardworking men and women of the 24th ward," said Monique Scott. "Building on the work of the previous Alderman, I will strive to bring economic development and safety to my residents. At this crucial moment, I am excited to serve my community and make North Lawndale a better place for all."

In her current role, Monique serves as Park Supervisor of Recreation at a major facility for the Chicago Park District. As supervisor, she has tripled the number of park memberships and provides strategic leadership to ensure parks are available to every resident and visitor. She also coordinates member activities and manages a diverse staff of over 20 people.

Prior to her role at the Park District, Scott worked for 14 years as a health consultant for North Lawndale Christian Health Center. Since the beginning of her career, Scott has prioritized public service and giving back to her community.



She also volunteers regularly with residents of all ages through Mayor Lightfoot and First Lady Amy Eshleman's My CHI. My Future. youth initiative and the Westside Cultural Foundation.

Scott holds a Bachelor of Arts from Jackson State University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from National Louis University.

"Monique Scott has the leadership skills and creative thinking to improve life for 24th ward residents," said Chairman Michelle Harris, 8th ward. "After careful review of the candidates, Monique was the obvious choice to lead North Lawndale, a community she's lived in for her entire life."

"Monique's comprehensive understanding of North Lawndale's challenges and opportunities make her the best choice for $24^{\rm th}$ ward alderman," said Brenda Palms Barber, President and CEO of North Lawndale Employment Network. "I was impressed by her passion for the community and am excited to see her build on the great work being done in the $24^{\rm th}$ ward."

"The 24th ward is in the midst of positive and long-awaited change," said Sheila McNary, President and CEO of Advanced Care Services, Inc. "Monique will use her passion, vision, and deep knowledge of the community to be a voice for all her residents."

"I am thrilled that Monique Scott will take over as 24th Ward alderman," said Marcus Betts, Assistant Vice Chancellor for External Engagement at UIC. "She is skilled at bringing community members together and creating spaces where residents can express concerns. Her passion for youth and vision to engage stakeholders throughout the entire ward is remarkable. I look forward to what she will accomplish in this new role."