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MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON APPOINTS BRIDGET EARLY TO SERVE AS DEPUTY MAYOR FOR LABOR RELATIONS

CHICAGO — Today, Mayor Brandon Johnson announced that Bridget Early will serve as the City of Chicago's first-ever Deputy Mayor for Labor Relations.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Bridget as Chicago's new Deputy Mayor for Labor Relations and continue to build upon our city's rich history of uplifting working families and fighting for economic justice for all workers," **said Mayor Brandon Johnson**. "I look forward to her partnership in creating pathways to jobs, improving working conditions, and supporting the working people who make our city run."

Early brings to the role more than 15 years of experience in legislative engagement and project management. She most recently served as Director of Membership and Strategic Alliances for the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems. She has previously served as Executive Director of the National Public Pension Coalition and Director of Legislative and Political Affairs for the Chicago Federation of Labor.

"Growing up in a union household, I understand how good-paying jobs can uplift families and communities," **said Bridget Early**. "I look forward to working with Mayor Johnson and building upon our shared values of labor rights and dignity for all the working people of Chicago – the City that Works."

As Deputy Mayor for Labor Relations, Early will responsible for working with all City agencies and departments to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of Chicago; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights, including working with relevant authorities to help enforce workers' statutory rights.

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