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## STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON ON PENSION WORKING GROUP

**CHICAGO** — Today, my administration's pension working group convened for the first time to address structural issues across the city's four pension funds.

"I'm grateful to our pension working group for their willingness to work together to develop a sustainable path forward for the city's pension funds." **said Mayor Brandon Johnson**. "Today's initial meeting included stakeholders representing my administration, the city council, the general assembly, organized labor and pension funds. Over the next several months, these individuals will work with a broader set of advisors from the financial and advocacy sectors to develop actionable solutions to meet the city's obligations to retirees, workers, and taxpayers."

The working group will form sub-groups to address specific pension issues and dedicated revenue as part of a comprehensive and balanced approach.

Pension working group members:

- Kelly Burke, Illinois State Representative, 36th District
- Beniamino Capellupo, Senior Labor Advisor, City of Chicago
- John Catanzara Jr., President, Chicago Police Department Lodge 7
- Pat Cleary, President, Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2
- Pat Dowell, Alderman, 3rd Ward
- Iason Ervin, Alderman, 28th Ward
- Annette Guzman, Budget Director, City of Chicago
- Joe Healy, Secretary-Treasurer, Laborers' District Council of Chicago
- Jeff Howard, Executive Vice President, SEIU Local 73
- Jill Jaworski, Chief Financial Officer, City of Chicago
- Andrea Kluger, Deputy Chief of Staff, Government Affairs, Chicago Federation of Labor
- Jason Lee, Senior Advisor, City of Chicago
- Robert Martwick, Illinois State Senator, 10th District
- Martha Merrill, Director of Research & Employee Benefits, AFSCME



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- Mike Rodriguez, Alderman, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward & Chairman of City Council Workforce Development
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