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JOINT STATEMENT FROM JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION, CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT AND 29th WARD ALDERMAN CHRIS TALIAFERRO REGARDING ADMUNDSEN PARK

The City of Chicago has been working diligently to provide temporary shelter and emergency assistance for more than 23,200 asylum seekers who have been bussed or flown to Chicago from other states since August 2022.

As part of this humanitarian crisis, the City opened 25 temporary shelters across Chicago, including five Chicago Park District locations. With the decompression of 10 of the 21 Chicago Police Department district locations, significant reduction in the number of new arrivals sleeping on police station floors, outdoors and at O'Hare and Midway airports, and the imminent addition of significant new shelter space, including a faith-based initiative led by Pastor John Zayas at Grace and Peace Church and other clergy, Amundsen Park is no longer in consideration for a potential shelter location and programming will resume Monday, December 4.

The City continues to evaluate additional shelter capacity on an ongoing basis and will continue to provide updates as necessary.

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