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MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO CHICAGO INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST

Aldermen Jason Ervin, Gilbert Villegas Appointed to Support CIT Mission to Deliver Historic Infrastructure Projects

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced the appointment of two aldermen to support the Chicago Infrastructure Trust (CIT). Alderman Jason Ervin will serve on the CIT's Board of Directors and Alderman Gilbert Villegas will serve on its Advisory Board.

"Aldermen Ervin and Villegas are dedicated public servants and bring experience and perspectives that will help the CIT continue to deliver transformative projects for the people of Chicago," Mayor Emanuel said. "I look forward to seeing them ensure the CIT benefits Chicago's residents for years to come."

Alderman Jason Ervin has been serving the 28th Ward since January of 2011. Before serving as Alderman, Ervin served as Village Manager of Maywood as well as served on local school councils at Tilton Elementary and Westinghouse Career Academy. Since his appointment and subsequent election as alderman in 2011, Ervin has served various committees and currently serves on eight committees, such as Finance, Economic Capital & Technology Development, Education & Child Development, Pedestrian & Traffic Safety, and Rules & Ethics. Throughout his career, Ervin has made economic development and safety for children and working families a top priority.

Alderman Gilbert Villegas has served the 36th Ward since his election in 2015. Prior to being elected as alderman, Villegas served in various roles, such as a U.S. Marine and as well as the Chief of Staff at the Illinois Capital Development Board. He currently serves on six committees and as the Chairman of both the Latino and Veteran Caucus. Throughout his career serving in government, non-profits, and for profits, Villegas has worked to bring opportunities to businesses and employees.

The Chicago Infrastructure Trust (CIT) was created in 2012 by Mayor Emanuel and the City Council to assist the people of Chicago as well as the City government and sister agencies in providing alternative financing and project delivery options for infrastructure projects. Leading projects such as the procurement process for the O'Hare Express System and the Chicago Streetlight Modernization Program, the CIT transforms long-discussed ideas into reality and delivers economic development to neighborhoods across Chicago.

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