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20-UNIT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED FOR NEAR NORTH SIDE

A 20-unit supportive housing facility would be built on the Near North Side through a \$2.5 million City loan proposed to City Council today by Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

The \$7 million project would feature 300-square-foot efficiency apartments, laundry facilities, a fitness center, and a community space. All units would receive rental assistance from the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) and be affordable for tenants earning up to 50 percent of area median income.

The building, planned by Lincoln Park Community Services, would share case management and support staff with an adjacent homeless shelter.

Additional funding would include a \$4.5 million loan from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA).

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LANDMARK STATUS PROPOSED FOR ROSENWALD COURT APARTMENTS IN BRONZEVILLE

The Rosenwald Court Apartments in Bronzeville would be designated an official City of Chicago landmark under a proposal introduced today to City Council by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Alderman Dowell.

Built in 1930 at 47th Street and Michigan Avenue by former Sears, Roebuck & Co. President Julius Rosenwald, the complex of connected, five- and three-story buildings provided workforce housing during the Great Migration era that ultimately drew a half million African Americans to Chicago in search of economic opportunity.

Originally called the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments, its 421 units served generations of local residents, including poet Gwendolyn Brooks, music producer Quincy Jones, singer Nat King Cole, boxer Joe Louis, and playwright Lorraine Hansberry.

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Designed by Rosenwald's nephew Ernest Grunsfield Jr., the structures' brick exterior features a unique combination of Arts and Crafts brickwork with Art Moderne terra cotta detailing. The complex, which closed in 2000 and sat vacant for more a decade, was reopened in 2016 following a \$132 million, City-assisted restoration that created 239 one- and two-bedroom units for seniors and families.

The designation, which was recommended by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks in July 2016, would protect the buildings' exterior elevations and interior courtyard from alteration or demolition.

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LANDMARK STATUS PROPOSED FOR QUINCY STREET ELEVATED STATION

The Chicago Transit Authority's Quincy Street elevated station in the Loop would be designated as an official City of Chicago landmark under a proposal introduced to City Council by Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Opened in 1897, the station at 220 S. Wells St. is the oldest and best example of an original Loop elevated station. Designed by prominent bridge engineer John Alexander Low Waddell and architect Alfred M. Hedley in the Neoclassical style, the riveted steel structure symbolizes Chicago's industrial past and retains most of its significant architectural details.

Serving the Brown, Orange, Pink and Purple Lines, the structure has retained its original location and use during its 120-year history. The station is currently undergoing an \$18 million renovation that includes new stairways, lighting, roof repairs, and the installation of two elevators to enable access by people with disabilities.

The designation, which was recommended by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks in June 2017, would protect the stationhouses, passenger platforms and canopies, mezzanine, and stairways from alteration or demolition.

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