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**MAYOR EMANUEL INTRODUCES LONGER TERM  
RIVERWALK CONCESSIONS TO CITY COUNCIL**

*A variety of dining, educational, cultural and recreational activities  
to be available this summer; full 2018 lineup to be released in coming weeks*

Following a Request for Proposals (RFP) for concession operations for the Chicago Riverwalk last year, Mayor Rahm Emanuel today introduced several measures that would enable six entities to operate on the Riverwalk under 10-year agreements.

“Further developing the Chicago Riverwalk will transform our downtown area and help to make the river the next great recreational frontier of the City of Chicago,” Mayor Rahm Emanuel said. “We are excited that residents and visitors will have a variety of opportunities to relax, dine and enjoy the river this summer.”

The Department of Fleet and Facility Management (2FM) has been overseeing the concession program since 2015. Building on the past success of Riverwalk vendors, 2FM issued an RFP for the Operations of Concessions on the Chicago Riverwalk in January of 2017. Proposals were due in March and were reviewed by an Evaluation Committee. Vendors making significant capital improvements and expanding their operations and offerings received 10-year agreements, which will improve the visitors' experience and allow the vendors to establish their destination.

The lineup of vendors will provide a variety of dining, educational, cultural and recreational activities along the entire waterfront stretch from Wells Street to Lake Shore Drive for the 2018 season. The exciting new lineup includes numerous dining options, live entertainment, kayaking, cruises, boat rentals and water taxis.

The following vendors were submitted to City Council for approval to operate for a ten year term with two possible five year extensions:

**LOCATION: Lakeshore Drive to Michigan Avenue**

**Island Party Hut**

*Will offer island themed food and beverage as well as charter boat rentals and live music.*  
305 East Riverwalk South- between Field Drive and Columbus  
[www.islandpartyhut.com](http://www.islandpartyhut.com)

**Northman on the River**

*New to the Riverwalk, will offer food and beverage options, specializing in cider.*  
233 East Riverwalk South- immediately west of Columbus

**LOCATION: The Marina - State to Dearborn**

**City Winery**

*Will offer food, drink and live music with an expanded menu.*  
11 West Riverwalk South- State Street Side  
[www.citywinery.com/chicago](http://www.citywinery.com/chicago)

**LOCATION: The Cove - Dearborn to Clark**

**Tiny Tapp, Café and Market**

*Will offer food and beverage, specializing in signature cocktails, coffees and pastries, and grab and go food and merchandise options.*  
71 West Riverwalk South- Clark Street side  
[www.tinytapp.com](http://www.tinytapp.com)

**LOCATION: The Water Plaza - LaSalle to Wells**

**Frost Gelato**

*Will offer gelato, milkshakes and other desert options.*  
151-155 West Riverwalk South- Clark Street side  
[www.frostgelato.com](http://www.frostgelato.com)

The six new sections of the Chicago Riverwalk between State Street and Lake Street were financed through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (TIFIA) program. Revenues generated from the concessions are pledged towards repayment of the loan.

The Riverwalk has been honored with 20 major awards for its merits, design, and economic impact. Additional information is available on the website at [www.Chicagoriverwalk.us](http://www.Chicagoriverwalk.us) which is updated throughout the season.

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