

## RESOLUTION NO. 8400

**WHEREAS**, on November 13, 2012, Thomas J. Kotel was appointed as a Commissioner of the Public Building Commission of Chicago with the advice and consent of City Council and has distinguished himself as a member of the Board during his tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his volunteer service to the PBC Board, Thomas J. Kotel is the Recording Secretary of the Pipefitters Association, Local 597, the largest Pipefitters Local Union in the United States and Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kotel has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving communities across Chicago. He is a native Chicagoan, born and raised on the city's south side, where he still resides. As a Chicagoan and longtime member of the Pipefitters Local 597, Mr. Kotel's dual passions are improving the City of Chicago and strengthening the ties between organized labor, its management partners, and their end users; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kotel has served on the Boards of Trustees of multiple benefit plans covering Local 597 Pipefitters, overseeing invested assets in excess of \$2 billion. In addition to his work as a trustee on those plans, he serves as an Officer or Delegate to numerous labor organizations. Mr. Kotel is a Delegate and Committee member of the Illinois State Pipe Trades Association Finance Committee and serves as Local 597's Delegate to the Chicago and Cook County Building Trades Council. He also serves as a Delegate and C.O.P.E. Representative for the Chicago Federation of Labor and has served as a Delegate numerous times at the United Association Convention. He has served on the Healthcare Labor Management Committee for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kotel has made invaluable contributions to the Public Building Commission to facilitate its mission of providing sustainable facilities to improve the quality of life for the residents of the City of Chicago. Through his knowledge and experience in the construction industry, he has provided leadership to the Commission in regards to labor, workforce programs, and union issues;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Thomas J. Kotel is hereby commended by the Chairman, members of the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director of the Commission for his leadership and dedicated service to the Public Building Commission and the citizens of the City of Chicago and Cook County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to present an appropriate copy of this resolution to Thomas J. Kotel, commemorating his outstanding service as Commissioner of the Public Building Commission of Chicago.

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RAHM EMANUEL, CHAIRMAN

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

