

RESOLUTION NO. 8510

WHEREAS, the Honorable Rahm Emanuel (“Emanuel”) was appointed as a Commissioner of the Public Building Commission of Chicago (“Commission”), with the advice and consent of the City Council of the City of Chicago, and was elected Chairman of the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of the Commission on June 14, 2011; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as Mayor of the City of Chicago and Chairman of the Commission, Emanuel has provided dynamic, energetic and innovative leadership in improving the quality of life of the citizens of Chicago, strengthening Chicago’s neighborhoods and helping Chicago to become a world-class city; and

WHEREAS, Emanuel has received numerous public service and leadership awards, including: The Visionary Award from Chicago Innovation for his vision, leadership and commitment to the future growth of the city; the National Mentoring Award for his strong investments in youth mentoring programming; and the 2019 Inspiring Efficiency Award in the Leadership category for his numerous sustainability initiatives that have positioned Chicago as a national leader in energy efficiency; among others; and

WHEREAS, since 2011 the Commission has been awarded more than 120 industry awards for excellence in program and project development. These awards represent external validation of the PBC’s approach to public development and implementation of best practices; and

WHEREAS, since 2011 the Commission has completed nearly 300 capital projects, including 90 municipal projects and 195 education projects throughout the city. The PBC’s total multi-year program authority for capital construction projects completed and in development since 2011 exceeds \$2.7B on behalf of the City of Chicago, the Board of Education, the Chicago Park District, City Colleges of Chicago, Chicago Transit Authority, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, among others; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Emanuel has made invaluable contributions to the Commission in the implementation of its mission of public development ranging from recreational facilities, fire stations, libraries, and surveillance and infrastructure projects to new schools and school additions, including the School Investment Program, in which 98 schools were renovated in one summer and air conditioning units were installed at schools across the city; and

WHEREAS, during Emanuel’s tenure, PBC and City Colleges of Chicago formed a partnership to develop the Richard J. Daley College Manufacturing Technology & Engineering Center that provides students with the hands-on experience to succeed in highly-specialized, technology-oriented careers. These industries are expected to bring more than 50,000 jobs to the region over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, under Chairman Emanuel’s leadership, the PBC’s work has helped to stabilize neighborhoods and serve as a catalyst for further community development.



Major initiatives include “Save Chicago’s Treasures,” a nearly \$30M program to improve aging Park District facilities; Chicago Public Library’s Early Learning Educational Investments; and the expansion of YOUmedia digital learning labs for teens; and

WHEREAS, through Emanuel’s focus on environmental concerns and his dedication to improving the quality of life throughout the neighborhoods of the City of Chicago, the Commission has undertaken numerous initiatives to help Chicago become one of the most environmentally-friendly cities in the world; and

WHEREAS, when Emanuel was first sworn in as the Commission’s Chairman in 2011, he announced the goal of doubling the number of Chicago’s LEED-certified municipally-owned buildings by 2015. At the time, the City had a total of 41 LEED-certified municipal facilities. Thanks to exemplary project management, Emanuel’s goal was achieved in the first quarter of 2014, well ahead of schedule. By the end of 2018 the Commission had developed 86 of the City’s 106 LEED-certified municipal facilities—making Chicago a national leader in LEED-certified municipal buildings; and

WHEREAS, under Emanuel’s leadership, the PBC has implemented a strong economic sustainability program that includes bid incentives for the employment of apprentices and minority and female workers; community hiring and city residency workforce requirements; and contract provisions that require minority- and women-owned business participation as well as local business participation; and

WHEREAS, under Emanuel’s leadership, the Commission has ensured that PBC projects positively affect the local economy by increasing the percentage of minority- and women-owned businesses that are awarded contracts for projects and services undertaken by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Emanuel has provided outstanding leadership as Commissioner and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Building Commission and has discharged his duties in an exemplary manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rahm Emanuel is hereby commended by the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director of the Commission for leadership and dedicated service to the Public Building Commission of Chicago and to the citizens of the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carina E. Sánchez, Executive Director of the Public Building Commission of Chicago, is hereby authorized and directed to present an appropriate copy of this resolution to memorialize the outstanding service of the Honorable Rahm Emanuel as Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Building Commission of Chicago.