

## RESOLUTION NO. 8672

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot was appointed as a Commissioner of the Public Building Commission of Chicago (“Commission”), with the advice and consent of City Council of the City of Chicago, and elected Chairman of the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) on June 19, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her tenure as the 56th Mayor of the City of Chicago and Chairman of the Commission, Chairman Lightfoot supported neighborhood development, improved the quality of life of the citizens of Chicago and helped Chicago to remain a world-class city; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the unprecedented COVID-19 global pandemic crisis, Chairman Lightfoot led a coordinated, citywide response across government, business, and community organizations to effectively limit its spread and public impact. Under her leadership the PBC transformed to a remote agency while heroic measures were put in place to keep construction moving forward while prioritizing worker safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Lightfoot was instrumental in executing INVEST South/West an innovative community development initiative with multiple stakeholders to transform disenfranchised South and West Side Community Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Lightfoot oversaw the completion of numerous Capital Projects on behalf of the City of Chicago, the Board of Education, the Chicago Park District, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Lightfoot made invaluable contributions to the Commission in the implementation of its mission of public development ranging from recreational facilities, including the new Williams Park Fieldhouse, library renovations at the Merlo and Legler Branches, numerous school additions and renovations, including the Wendell Phillips Academy High School Annex, and new schools, including the Belmont Cragin Elementary School, that connects to a Chicago Park District fieldhouse, creating benefits for students and community, John Hancock College Preparatory High School, Taft Freshman Academy, and Englewood STEM High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Lightfoot’s accomplishments include the completion of the state-of-the-art Engine Company 115, in the West Pullman community, and the development of the Joint Public Safety Training Campus Project to support our city’s first responders by allowing comprehensive cross-training among departments; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Lightfoot remained focused on environmental concerns and improving the quality of life throughout the neighborhoods of the City of Chicago by ensuring projects were developed with the goal of making Chicago one of the most environmentally friendly cities in the world; and



**WHEREAS**, under Chairman Lightfoot's leadership, the Commission received 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**, Chairman Lightfoot reinforced the Commission's strong Community and Economic Sustainability Program that includes bid incentives for the employment of apprentices, and minority and female workers; community hiring and resident workforce requirements; and contract provisions that require minority- and women-owned business participation and local business participation; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Lightfoot was a champion of minority construction and professional service representations and ensured that Commission projects positively affect the local economy by partnering with Assist Agencies that represent the interests of small, minority and/or women-owned businesses to achieve greater diversity on the project and program level; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Chairman Lightfoot 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 Lori E. Lightfoot as Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Building Commission of Chicago.