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of the
CITY COUNCIL
of the
CITY of CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Inaugural Meeting—Monday, May 4, 1987

at 12:00 P.M.

(Petrillo Music Shell--Grant Park--Chicago, Illinois)

OFFICIAL RECORD.

HAROLD WASHINGTON
Mayor

WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI
City Clerk

Call To Order.

On Monday, May 4, 1987, at 12:00 P.M. (the day and hour appointed for the meeting) President Pro Tempore, Alderman Eugene Sawyer called the City Council to order.

Determination Of Quorum.

Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Honorable Harold Washington, Mayor and Aldermen Roti, Rush, Tillman, T. Evans, Bloom, Sawyer, Beavers, Caldwell, Shaw, Fary, Carter, Langford, Streeter, Jones, J. Evans, Garcia, Krystyniak, Henry, Soliz, Gutierrez, Butler, Smith, Davis, Hagopian, Figueroa, Mell, Austin, Kotlarz, Banks, Giles, Cullerton, Laurino, O'Connor, Pucinski, Natarus, Eisendrath, Hansen, Levar, Shiller, Schulter, Osterman, Orr, Stone -- 43:

Quorum present.

Invocation.

The Most Reverend Placido Rodriguez, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago (representing His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago) opened the meeting with prayer.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

President Pro Tempore, Alderman Eugene Sawyer then introduced Ms. Sue Conway who led the audience in the singing of the National Anthem.

Placed On File -- OFFICIAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING ELECTION OF MAYOR, CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER AND ALDERMEN.

By unanimous consent, Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski, City Clerk, thereupon presented for the record the following statements confirming the election of the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Aldermen:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CHICAGO, 60602

April 23, 1987.

*Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski
City Clerk of the City of Chicago
Room 107 -- City Hall
121 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602*

Dear Sir -- On April 13, 1987, we received an order signed by Judge Joseph Schneider giving the results of the official canvass of the election held on Tuesday, April 7, 1987 and said canvass indicated that the following were elected to their respective offices:

Mayor, City of Chicago
City Clerk
City Treasurer

Harold Washington
Walter S. Kozubowski
Cecil A. Partee

Respectfully

(Signed) STANLEY T. KUSPER, JR.,
County Clerk.

(Signed) ROBERT W. LOGAY,
Director of Elections.

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April 23, 1987.

*Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski
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Dear Sir--On March 3, 1987 and on April 13, 1987, we received orders signed by Judge Francis Barth and Judge Joseph Schneider giving the results of the official canvass of the election held on Tuesday, February 24, 1987 and April 7, 1987 and said canvass indicated that the following aldermen were elected in their respective wards:

Ward	Name	Date of Election
1	Alderman FRED B. ROTI	February 24, 1987
2	Alderman BOBBY RUSH	February 24, 1987

3	Alderman DOROTHY J. TILLMAN	February 24, 1987
4	Alderman TIMOTHY C. EVANS	February 24, 1987
5	Alderman LAWRENCE S. BLOOM	February 24, 1987
6	Alderman EUGENE SAWYER	February 24, 1987
7	Alderman WILLIAM M. BEAVERS	February 24, 1987
8	Alderman KEITH A. CALDWELL	February 24, 1987
9	Alderman ROBERT SHAW	April 7, 1987
10	Alderman VICTOR A. VRDOLYAK	February 24, 1987
11	Alderman PATRICK M. HUELS	February 24, 1987
12	Alderman MARK J. FARY	February 24, 1987
13	Alderman JOHN S. MADRZYK	February 24, 1987
14	Alderman EDWARD M. BURKE	February 24, 1987
15	Alderman MARLENE C. CARTER	April 7, 1987
16	Alderman ANNA R. LANGFORD	April 7, 1987
17	Alderman ALLAN STREETER	February 24, 1987
18	Alderman ROBERT T. KELLAM	April 7, 1987

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| 19 | Alderman
MICHAEL F. SHEAHAN | February 24, 1987 |
| 20 | Alderman
ERNEST 'ERNIE' JONES | April 7, 1987 |
| 21 | Alderman
JESSE J. EVANS | April 7, 1987 |
| 22 | Alderman
JESUS G. GARCIA | February 24, 1987 |
| 23 | Alderman
WILLIAM F. KRYSTYNIAK | February 24, 1987 |
| 24 | Alderman
WILLIAM C. 'BILL' HENRY | February 24, 1987 |
| 25 | Alderman
JUAN M. SOLIZ | April 7, 1987 |
| 26 | Alderman
LUIS V. GUTIERREZ | February 24, 1987 |
| 27 | Alderman
SHENEATHER Y. BUTLER | April 7, 1987 |
| 28 | Alderman
ED H. SMITH | February 24, 1987 |
| 29 | Alderman
DANNY K. DAVIS | February 24, 1987 |
| 30 | Alderman
GEORGE J. HAGOPIAN | February 24, 1987 |
| 31 | Alderman
RAYMOND A. FIGUEROA | April 7, 1987 |
| 32 | Alderman
THERIS M. GABINSKI | February 24, 1987 |
| 33 | Alderman
RICHARD F. MELL | February 24, 1987 |
| 34 | Alderman
LEMUEL AUSTIN, JR. | April 7, 1987 |

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| 35 | Alderman
JOSEPH S. KOTLARZ, JR. | February 24, 1987 |
| 36 | Alderman
WILLIAM J. P. BANKS | February 24, 1987 |
| 37 | Alderman
PERCY GILES | February 24, 1987 |
| 38 | Alderman
THOMAS W. CULLERTON | February 24, 1987 |
| 39 | Alderman
ANTHONY C. LAURINO | February 24, 1987 |
| 40 | Alderman
PATRICK J. O'CONNOR | February 24, 1987 |
| 41 | Alderman
ROMAN C. PUCINSKI | February 24, 1987 |
| 42 | Alderman
BURTON F. NATARUS | April 7, 1987 |
| 43 | Alderman
EDWIN W. EISENDRATH | April 7, 1987 |
| 44 | Alderman
BERNARD J. HANSEN | February 24, 1987 |
| 45 | Alderman
PATRICK J. LEVAR | February 24, 1987 |
| 46 | Alderman
HELEN SHILLER | April 7, 1987 |
| 47 | Alderman
EUGENE C. SCHULTER | February 24, 1987 |
| 48 | Alderman
KATHY OSTERMAN | April 7, 1987 |
| 49 | Alderman
DAVID D. ORR | February 24, 1987 |
| 50 | Alderman
BERNARD L. STONE | February 24, 1987 |

Respectfully,

(Signed) STANLEY T. KUSPER, JR.,
County Clerk.

(Signed) ROBERT W. LOGAY,
Director of Elections.

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF
CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL.

Alderman Timothy C. Evans thereupon introduced the following newly elected aldermen of the City Council:

Alderman Keith A. Caldwell	--	8th Ward
Alderman Robert Shaw	--	9th Ward
Alderman Victor A. Vrdolyak	--	10th Ward
Alderman Mark J. Fary	--	12th Ward
Alderman Ernest Jones	--	20th Ward
Alderman Jesse J. Evans	--	21st Ward
Alderman Sheneather Y. Butler	--	27th Ward
Alderman Raymond A. Figueroa	--	31st Ward
Alderman Lemuel Austin, Jr.	--	34th Ward
Alderman Edwin W. Eisendrath	--	43rd Ward
Alderman Patrick J. Levar	--	45th Ward
Alderman Helen Shiller	--	46th Ward
Alderman Kathy Osterman	--	48th Ward

OATHS OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO ALDERMEN.

Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski, City Clerk, thereupon administered the oath of office to the assembled aldermen.

OFFICIAL BONDS APPROVED FOR MAYOR,
CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER.

Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski, City Clerk, thereupon presented the official bond of Honorable Harold Washington as Mayor of the City of Chicago, in the penal sum of \$10,000.00, with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company as surety, his official bond as City Clerk of Chicago, in the penal sum of \$5,000.00, with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland as surety and the official bond of the Honorable Cecil A. Partee as City Treasurer of Chicago, in the penal sum of \$2,000,000.00, with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland as sureties, each in the penal sum of \$1,000,000.00.

The City Clerk also presented the official bonds of the Honorable Cecil A. Partee as Treasurer *ex officio* of the following funds with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland as sureties:

Fund	United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company	Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland
Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00
Laborers' and Retirement Board Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

On motion of Alderman T. Evans, each of the said bonds was *Approved* by a viva voce vote.

PRAYER FOR UNITY AND PEACE.

President Pro Tempore, Alderman Eugene Sawyer next presented His Grace Bishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Chicago who offered a prayer for unity and peace.

PRESENTATION OF MUSICAL SELECTIONS.

President Pro Tempore, Alderman Eugene Sawyer then presented the Chicago Housing Authority Youth Ambassador Choir who sang: *America, The Beautiful; God Bless America; and Victory Shall Be Mine.*

INTRODUCTION OF FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

President Pro Tempore, Alderman Eugene Sawyer next introduced the senior United States Senator from Illinois, the Honorable Alan J. Dixon who, in turn, introduced the following:

members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation:

The Honorable John Conyers -- Congressman from
the State of Michigan;

The Honorable Lane Evans -- Congressman from
the 17th District of Illinois;

The Honorable Charles Hayes -- Congressman from
the 1st District of Illinois;

The Honorable Gus Savage -- Congressman from
the 2nd District of Illinois;

The Honorable Cardiss Collins -- Congressman from
the 7th District of Illinois.

Senator Dixon then introduced the Honorable Phillip J. Rock, President of the Illinois State Senate who, in turn, introduced the members of the Illinois State Delegation:

The Honorable James R. Thompson -- Governor of the
State of Illinois and Mrs. Jayne Thompson;

The Honorable William Stratton -- former
Governor of Illinois;

The Honorable Daniel Walker -- former
Governor of Illinois;

The Honorable William G. Clark -- Chief Justice
of the Illinois Supreme Court;

The Honorable Daniel Ward -- Justice
of the Illinois Supreme Court;

The Honorable Seymour Simon -- Justice
of the Illinois Supreme Court;

The Honorable Michael Madigan -- Speaker of the
State of Illinois House of Representatives;

The Honorable Neil Hartigan -- Attorney General of the
State of Illinois;

The Honorable Roland W. Burris -- Comptroller of the
State of Illinois;

The Honorable Vince T. Demuzio -- Illinois State Senator and
Chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party.

Senator Rock then introduced the Honorable George W. Dunne, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County who, in turn, introduced the following distinguished public officials:

Honorable Jane M. Byrne -- former
Mayor of the City of Chicago;

The Honorable Michael Bilandic -- Justice of the Appellate Court of the
State of Illinois and former Mayor of the City of Chicago;

The Honorable Harry Comerford -- Chief Judge of the
Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois;

The Honorable Nicholas Melas -- President of the
Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago;

The Honorable Richard M. Daley -- State's Attorney of
Cook County, Illinois;

The Honorable Thomas Hynes -- Assessor of
Cook County, Illinois;

The Honorable James O'Grady -- Sheriff of
Cook County, Illinois;

The Honorable Stanley Kusper -- Clerk of
Cook County, Illinois;

The Honorable Morgan Finley -- Clerk of the
Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois;

The Honorable Wilson Frost -- Commissioner of the
Board of Appeals for Cook County, Illinois.

Commissioner Dunne then introduced the Honorable Leon M. Despres, Parliamentarian of the Chicago City Council and former Alderman of the fifth ward who, in turn, introduced the following special guests:

Mr. Ernest Barefield -- Mayoral Chief of Staff
and Mrs. Barefield;

Members of the Mayor's Cabinet (who were
seated in the audience and asked to rise);

Mr. Jacoby Dickens -- Chairman of the Board
of Seaway National Bank;

Mr. Kenneth Golver -- Vice-President
of Drexel Burnham Lambert;

Mr. Angelo Geocaris -- Chairman of the Board
of Delphi Industries;

Mr. John Johnson -- Chairman of the Board
of Johnson Publishing;

Mr. Edward Gardner -- Chairman of the Board
of Soft Sheen Products;

Dr. Vince Bakeman -- President of the
Human Resources and Development Institute;

Mr. Lou Montenegro -- International
Ladies Garment Workers Union;

Mr. Donald Peters -- Local 743
of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters;

Mr. Robert Hallock -- Partner in the Law
Firm of Isham, Lincoln and Beale;

Ms. Nancy Jefferson -- President of
the Midwest Community Council;

Reverend Jesse Jackson -- Founder
of Operation P.U.S.H.

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE.

Mr. Despres next introduced the President of the Chicago Board of Rabbis, Rabbi Lawrence Charney, who offered a prayer for guidance.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO HONORABLE
WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI AS CITY CLERK
OF CHICAGO.

President Pro Tempore, Alderman Eugene Sawyer introduced the Honorable John P. McGury, Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, who administered the oath of office prescribed by statute to the Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski as City Clerk of the City of Chicago, which oath was subscribed to by Mr. Kozubowski and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO HONORABLE
CECIL A. PARTEE AS CITY TREASURER
OF CHICAGO.

President Pro Tempore, Alderman Eugene Sawyer next introduced the Honorable Odas Nicholson, Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, who administered the oath of office prescribed by statute to the Honorable Cecil A. Partee as City Treasurer of the City of Chicago, which oath was subscribed to by Mr. Partee and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

CELEBRATION OF CHICAGO, CITY OF MANY FACES.

President Pro Tempore, Alderman Eugene Sawyer then introduced Mr. Studs Terkel who, in turn, introduced Ms. Gwendolyn Brooks, Poet Laureate of the State of Illinois. Ms. Brooks gave a reading of *Chicago Collage*.

Mr. Terkel next introduced the William Ferris Chorale, Mr. William Ferris, Director, who offered a musical selection entitled *Holiday Song* by William Schuman.

After introduction by Mr. Terkel, poet David Hernandez, then recited a poem entitled *A Little Madness, Laughter and Love*.

Mr. Terkel then introduced the Korean Senior Citizen Choir, conducted by Mr. Daniel Chul Ho Kim. The choir entertained the audience with a Korean folk song.

The entertainment portion of the program concluded with Mr. Terkel's introduction of the Brass and Percussion Ensemble, conducted by Mr. Steven Ovitsky, which then performed *Fanfare for the Common Man* by Aaron Copeland.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO HONORABLE
HAROLD WASHINGTON AS MAYOR
OF CHICAGO.

President Pro Tempore, Alderman Eugene Sawyer introduced the Honorable Charles E. Freeman, Justice of the Appellate Court of Illinois, who administered the oath of office prescribed by statute to the Honorable Harold Washington as Mayor of the City of Chicago, which oath was subscribed to by the Mayor and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY HONORABLE
HAROLD WASHINGTON, MAYOR.

Honorable Harold Washington, Mayor, thereupon addressed the City Council and assembled guests as follows:

The Spirit Of Chicago

One hundred and fifty years ago, not far from where we stand, a small company of Americans came together to create our City of Chicago.

These Chicagoans faced the challenge of physical danger and economic disaster. They had to struggle to keep their town alive. But they weren't afraid of a fight. They had pledged themselves to a partnership, to create a new city by the lake.

Through all their hardship, they had a spirit; aggressive, competitive, yet seasoned by cooperation; a spirit that was the essence of a youthful republic; a spirit that one day would define America's most American city: the Spirit of Chicago.

Today, only fifteen decades later, we live in one of the great cities in the history of man. The Spirit of Chicago, city of broad shoulders, breathes into each of us new life every day; and shines through our architecture and art, our parks and avenues, the vigor of our commerce and the vitality, the diversity of our people.

And yet, once again, we are living in a time of challenge. More than ever, we need to call forth that determination and dedication that is the Spirit of Chicago. Like those early pioneers, we stand at a fork in the road. We may choose the risk and the opportunity and the sacrifice that will restore our city, or we may fall into the path of least resistance, down the road of decline.

Today, here in a setting framed by our city's grand skyline and glorious lakefront, I want to reflect on that Spirit of Chicago, on the challenges we face today, on the partnership we will need to overcome the present danger, and on the promise that is ours if we prevail.

The New Spirit

Four years ago, we inaugurated a new chapter in the history of Chicago.

Chicago had suffered from two decades of decline. We were deeply in debt, and our management was in shambles. Our schools had been bankrupt, our public housing was falling deeper into a billion dollar hole. City revenue collections were haphazard or non-existent. Contract and personnel records were a mess.

Worse, we were a city deeply divided by class and race and ethnic differences. Many Chicagoans had become dispirited, despaired of change.

Despite that climate, we began a process of renewal--changing not only how we do business, but how we view ourselves and the world around us.

In the true Spirit of Chicago, we opened city government to the fullest access by the greatest number. We affirmed the most fundamental American principles of fairness--by word and by action--righting the balance to bring an ever wider participation to the business and governance of our city.

We fought for and won the right of Chicago's minorities to full representation in City Council.

We substituted administrators for political workers, and brought modern management to our municipal affairs--to an enterprise which had grown, from those cabins and shops, 15 short decades ago, into a \$2 billion corporation, on which the livelihoods of perhaps eight million Chicagoans and their neighbors must depend.

We worked with community leaders to reinvest \$300 million in the rebuilding of our neighborhoods, taking care, even in times of financial hardship, to maintain our heritage and provide for new generations.

We worked with business leaders for the prosperity of our downtown commercial district, which has grown at the rate of a billion dollars a year over this decade.

We worked with organized labor to bring fair and orderly collective bargaining practices to city employment.

We worked with the legal community and civic leaders to pass ethics legislation, seeking to eliminate both the temptation and the opportunity for corruption in public office.

We fought to empower new partnerships--of citizens, community groups, business organizations, churches and schools, and professional associations--to work alongside city government in the modernization of Chicago management.

Those four years were well spent. We have witnessed amazing change in our city, in four short years.

Across the country and around the world, we've made it clear: there's a new Spirit of Chicago, building on the old.

Chicago is not simply the City that Works. The word is out: Chicago Works Together.

The Challenge

We fought for this economic and social and spiritual renewal at a critical time, and we won that struggle just in time.

Because Chicago in 1987, like every other major American municipality, is facing unprecedented challenges to its survival as a world city.

Everywhere we look, across our land, we see the American city in peril-- endangered by economic challenge from abroad, and threatened by a failure of the will from within.

You hear the story over and over, in every major city in America; the cities whose greatness made America great, are losing ground. In the name of a flawed and suspect ideology, their needs are being ignored and disdained by the federal administration.

General Revenue Sharing, the fair return of your income tax to support your city, is gone. Grants and tax breaks for social services and for economic development have been drastically cut.

Funds for the hungry, the homeless, needy, elderly and disabled, women and children, as well as millions of middle-class families who depend on their cities for quality of life, are being made to suffer for failed federal economic policies that have added a trillion dollars to our national debt.

Over the past four years, we have taken the lead in demanding a fair return of your tax dollar, to keep our cities healthy and strong. Chicago has become recognized as a leader in the national struggle for an Urban Policy in the federal agenda.

Now, more than ever, Chicago is challenged to take the lead. Just as we are finally able to leave local petty political bickering behind us, the new Spirit of Chicago is aroused to greater trials, perhaps the most important challenges our generation will face.

In 1837, the same year our city was incorporated, a great national depression nearly ruined Chicago, and many other cities, wiping out land holdings and life savings.

In 1847, when we were only ten years old and only 16,000 in number, even before we had paved streets, we were host to America's first great national protest meeting. 20,000 people came to Chicago, from East and West, North and South; cosmopolitans like Horace Greeley of the New York Tribune, and country lawyers like young Abraham Lincoln from downstate Illinois. They came together in this place to protest federal neglect of the cities and towns across America. They helped to focus federal priorities on the development of a continent of cities.

In the years between their protest and our contemporary plight, the federal government did indeed develop a partnership with the cities. And through mutual support, the prosperity of those cities created for America the richest, most productive society our planet has ever known.

Now, that partnership is falling apart. Cities are treated like failed industries, cut off from the central economy, left to sink or swim if they can, the survivors urged to "vote with their feet" and migrate to defense industries in the Sun Belt, the halt and the lame callously discarded like so much worn-out furniture.

Now, once again, our way of life is in trouble -- and it is in our cities where we know that firsthand. America is bleeding, in our streets and alleys, in our stairwells and in the corridors of our schools. America's cities are on the critical list, and we must not be timid or halfway in our response.

We have found that we must act to save ourselves, not just in Chicago, but all across that entire commonwealth of cities that has created an urban America.

We have mobilized, through the United States Conference of Mayors, the League of Cities, and other coalitions, to take care of our people.

We have acted urgently, because the need is great.

Today, almost one-fourth of our children are living in poverty. Two-fifths of hispanic children, over one-half of black children, little ones younger than seven years old, wake up each morning suffering the physical abuse of hunger. These are the highest rates we've ever seen, ever in the history of this country. Their hunger is unacceptable.

Unemployment has stayed above 7% for almost six years -- the last time that happened was during the Great Depression. An entire generation is growing up, going to school, studying and celebrating the 200th anniversary of the American Constitution, without any certainty they will ever join the ranks of productive, working Americans. That unemployment is unacceptable.

Nationally one-fourth of our graduating classes are not graduating, an incalculable waste for our society. In Chicago, almost half of our boys and girls never finish school, a tragic human loss for them and their families, and an economic injury for our city and our nation. That dropout rate is unacceptable.

Mothers and babies, children and youth, the elderly, all those whose shelter depends on federal assistance, are threatened by the prospect that they may join the ranks of the homeless, as 70,000 units of public housing are abandoned each year; it is reported that 900,000 federally subsidized but privately owned apartments could vanish in the next decade. That destruction of our homes is unacceptable.

The economic inequality worsens: while the overall poverty rate in America is at 11%, it is 32% for blacks, and 25% for hispanic people. That inequality, that "We the people" versus "They, the people", is unacceptable.

We do not accept the abandonment of the people of America's cities. We will not allow our citizens to be written off as bad debts.

Throughout Chicago history, when we have faced such crises, we have summoned our resources, and developed partnerships. We have reawakened the power to redirect our

priorities. Now once again we are called to the challenge. We must apply the lessons of the past to the challenges of today.

If we have learned one thing, in this generation in Chicago, it is that bossism is not leadership, and leadership is not bossism.

The leadership that made Chicago great was not the dictate of any individual leader at any time in our history. It was not the operations of a cabal, in a smoke-filled room.

The leadership that made Chicago great, from its earliest origins, was the partnership of every sector of our city's society, working together. That partnership is the leadership that our times require.

The partnership of our full body politic must, by any means necessary, press our case at the federal and state levels. We, the leaders of Chicago, have an obligation to recover for our people the fair share of our federal taxes to which Chicago is due. Not as charity or welfare, but as investment, and as a fair return.

But it is not enough to press our claims. We must also do for ourselves. We must, each of us, find that priority where our skills are of use, roll up our sleeves and take action. We must join together and do for ourselves what must be done.

We must plan and coordinate, improvise, innovate, recombine and reinvent, and leave no options unexplored, to provide at least temporary solutions while we press our case.

The City government can't do that alone. The cities, for three generations, prospered under an active partnership with the federal government. Our institutions evolved around that traditional American partnership.

Now that American tradition is no longer dependable, and even as we work to restore it, we must build on the new partnerships we have developed at the local level.

Although our greatest problems are truly national in origin, and national in scale; nonetheless they are local in their impact. And though we must take a role in the grand strategies laid in Washington, we are the ones who will have to carry the fight here, in the trenches, on the front lines, in our cities.

With every Chicagoan, and every Chicago institution, together at the wheel, we can turn this thing around.

Our most urgent need is for jobs. Give us jobs and we'll take care of the rest. Jobs will rebuild self-esteem; jobs will restore community pride; jobs will cut down the drop-out rate; jobs will slow down the cycles of crime, youth gangs, drugs, child abuse and abuse of women; jobs will reaffirm the justice of our economic system; jobs will reduce teenage pregnancy; jobs will ultimately end the human tragedy of welfare dependency.

We must not be satisfied with anything that can be achieved on the local level alone. We must work to change America's priorities, to turn our welfare programs into jobs programs, to redirect defense spending into domestic spending that creates jobs.

But we must also do for ourselves: We must apply ourselves, in partnership across our city, to the successful jobs programs we have created, in Hire the Future and Chicago First; and small business loan programs that have created or retained 20,000 jobs in our city over the past four years.

Jobs are our top priority--for unless the young and the working-age city dwellers go back to work again, nothing else will matter.

An equal priority is our educational system. We need the full partnership of the body politic to recognize their stake in the success of our schools; to join in the effort to provide a supportive environment for the very young; reinforcement for those in the middle grades, with special attention to problems of literacy; and career counseling with job incentives for high school students.

Every student who drops out of high school is a personal tragedy for whom each of us must feel personal responsibility.

We must work with the State of Illinois to provide the network of resources the challenge requires. And we must respond to the national crisis in education, and work with other cities to insist on new funds from the federal level. But we must also do for ourselves. We must work together over the next four years, through our Educational Summit, and the Learn-Earn incentives and a host of new church and community and corporate efforts, to help our young people excel in school.

The problems of housing are no less urgent--created by the failed attempt, a generation ago, to seal off our housing problems in monolithic cellblocks--badly designed and underfunded, then stripped and robbed in the financial marketplace.

The crisis in housing affects not only the poor condemned to sub-standard shelter. It also touches everyone who lives in our city, in every neighborhood of Chicago. For which of us can be serene and secure in our own home when we know that our brother and sister are living in such sad discomfort?

We must press for the needed funds from the state and federal level, for these Illinoisans, these Americans, who deserve affordable housing. But we must also do for ourselves: develop new programs like our successful Chicago Housing Partnership, to leverage the resources of the private sector. And we must bring Chicago once again into the forefront of modern housing construction techniques, to accelerate the rehabbing of our housing stock. We must find ways to combine efforts and create jobs to solve our housing problems.

Jobs, education, housing, transportation, health, environmental concerns, including the preservation of our beautiful lakefront: although these are all national issues, affecting every city, beyond the resources of each city alone, it is still in our individual cities where we feel the pain.

And so, it is in the cities where we must do for ourselves. We must recognize our responsibility, gather our forces, summon the spirit that made us great, and fight for fundamental change.

The Promise

The promise and the potential of Chicago requires no less of us. The Spirit of Chicago compels us. It is a spirit we must fight to sustain.

But our motivation is more basic than just idealism and altruism. We are also mindful of the self-interest that inspires us.

Chicago in four years has brought together black and white, Asian and hispanic, male and female, the young, the old, the disabled, gays and lesbians, Moslems, Christians and Jews, business leaders and neighborhood activists, bankers and trade unionists--all have come together to mix and contend, to argue and to reason, to confront our problems and not merely to contain them.

We didn't come together out of love for one another. Where that is lacking, that will follow. A civil society--a civilization--a city that works--requires simply that we behave well toward each other. And our present danger requires even more, that we work together, and do for ourselves.

And so, citizens of Chicago, I ask every man, woman and child of you, for your help over the next four years, as we do for ourselves to realize the promise that is Chicago.

I ask you to join with me in the national movement to restore our cities as American priorities. I ask you to exercise your rights as Illinoisans and Americans, to win Chicago's fair share at the state and federal level. But I also ask you to roll up your sleeves, so we can do for ourselves.

To the millions of our neighbors outside our city, who depend on a healthy Chicago for your quality of life, I ask you to join with us, to support us both in our fight for a fair share and in our effort to do for ourselves.

To the leaders of business, industry and trade, foundations and philanthropic societies, city, state and federal government, community organizations, schools at all levels, churches, professional associations, organized labor, educators and the media, I ask you to become directly, personally involved in the programs that address Chicago's most pressing needs, to help us do for ourselves.

To the political leaders at every level of government, I ask you to consider the importance of a healthy Chicago to your constituency, to your party, to your own responsibilities of public office, and lend your efforts to our cause, to join forces, to strengthen our effort to do for ourselves.

To every man, woman and child listening to me today, I ask you to consider the need and examine your skills, and find a way to contribute to the salvation of your city. Together we must form a human safety network that provides, in time and talent, what Chicago could never afford in its taxes and budgets.

In return for your investment, in return for your sacrifice, I promise you this: that you will be the richer for what you invest, that you will be the happier for the troubles you absorb, that you will be the healthier for the afflictions you confront, for the sake of your city, Chicago.

And that you will remember until you're past remembering, and you will take pleasure every time you recall, that you responded to your city in her hour of greatest need. That you found injustice and inequity unacceptable. That you fought for a fair share. And that you joined in, rolled up your sleeves, and helped Chicago do for ourselves.

BENEDICTION.

President Pro Tempore, Alderman Eugene Sawyer introduced Reverend J. M. Stone, Pastor of the Stone Temple Baptist Church, who offered the benediction.

Adjournment.

Alderman T. Evans moved that the City Council do *Adjourn*. The motion *Prevailed* and the City Council *Stood Adjourned*.



WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI,
City Clerk.