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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF BRETT GOLDSTEIN AS NEW
COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CHIEF
DATA OFFICER**

CHICAGO – The City Council today approved Mayor Rahm Emanuel's appointment of Brett Goldstein, the City's current and first Chief Data Officer, as the new Commissioner of the Department of Information Technology (DoIT). Brett's significant experience with open data, predictive analytics, internet security and advanced technologies will help transform the City's technology operations and systems to ensure the City of Chicago has the technology it needs to be a 21st Century, world class city.

"Modern and innovative technology will ensure that Chicago remains a world class city, improves its performance and delivers better services to the people of Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "I have every confidence Brett Goldstein has the experience necessary to make this happen, and I am proud to have him on my team, leading us in these critical areas."

DoIT was introduced in 2008 to add innovation to the charter of the former Department of Business and Information Services. As the central information technology organization for the City, DoIT provides a number of technology and telecommunications services to departments, the Mayor, Aldermen, other city agencies, residents, businesses and tourists.

DoIT also supports City innovation by facilitating creative thought about existing business processes across departments; providing departments with tools to deliver valuable new processes and services; designing and implementing systems that deliver these processes



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and services; applying technology where appropriate to automate processes and services and developing strategic partnerships.

“As Chief Data Officer, Brett has helped spearhead critical projects for the City including the development of the new Open311 system, predictive analytics and the managements of the City’s first ever open data portal that has over 300 data sets and 1 million views so far,” added Mayor Emanuel. “Chicago is fortunate to have someone of Brett’s caliber at the helm of the Department of Information Technology.”

About Brett Goldstein:

As the City’s Chief Data Officer, Brett led the city’s approach to and use of data to help improve the way the government works for its residents. The responsibilities of the Chief Data Officer were threefold: promoting transparency through open data, constructing a comprehensive strategy for citywide data usage and storage, enhancing department technological collaboration and facilitating data-driven decision-making through data analytics, including groundbreaking predictive analytics.

Before coming to City Hall as Chief Data Officer, Brett Goldstein founded and directed the Chicago Police Department's Predictive Analytics Group, which aims to predict when and where crime will happen. Goldstein is a former Commander in the Chicago Police Department. Previously, Goldstein was an early employee with OpenTable. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Connecticut College, his MS in criminal justice at Suffolk University, and his MS in computer science at University of Chicago. Brett is pursuing his PhD in Criminology, Law and Justice at the University of Illinois-Chicago. He resides in Chicago with his wife and three children.