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ALDERMAN, 34TH WARD**

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BY HAND-DELIVERY

Mayor Lori Lightfoot
121 N LaSalle Street
Chicago City Hall 4th Floor
Chicago, IL 60602

Re: Medical Resignation

Dear Mayor Lightfoot:

After serving the people of the 34th Ward for the last 28 years, I have come to the conclusion that as much as I would prefer to finish out my term, my medical condition will not permit me to do so. Thus, I will be retiring on March 1, 2023, and I wanted to inform you personally.

This decision has weighed on me heavily as I have had to determine what is best for my 34th Ward constituents and for myself. As you are aware, my health these past couple of years has seriously deteriorated. As you know, after my scare at last December's Council meeting, it has been a continual struggle to keep up with my responsibilities. My numerous doctor appointments and my deteriorating health issued, have taken a heavy toll upon me. Just recently I was required to use a portable oxygen concentrator wherever I go, as even simply walking a few yards without oxygen has become extremely difficult. Attending a City Council meeting, which in the past I have always looked forward to, has now become a very exhausting and strenuous ordeal. The oxygen concentrator has helped. However, it is simply not sustainable for me to continue properly serving as the 34th Ward Alderman while dealing with these continuing health problems.

Therefore, while it has been a very difficult decision, I have determined that my ailing health has forced my 28 years as Alderman of the 34th Ward to come to an end. Please accept my resignation effective March 1, 2023.

Respectfully yours,

Carrie M. Austin

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