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**Vowing to Fight For “Safe, Strong, Affordable Neighborhoods,”
Bill Daley Announces Campaign for Mayor of Chicago**

Celebrating Chicago’s “Great neighborhoods and people in a global city that ranks among the top cities of the world,” William Michael “Bill” Daley, a husband, father, grandfather, civic and business leader and former top official in the Clinton and Obama administrations, announced his campaign for Mayor of the City of Chicago. Daley’s statement is below:

“Today, I am announcing I am running for Mayor of Chicago. I love this city, was born and raised here, raised my family here and spent my life here. Chicago is a city of great neighborhoods and great people. It’s an economic engine that powers the state and the Midwest. It’s a global city that ranks among the top cities of the world. And, like every city, it has its challenges that can only be met with our collective best efforts.

I come from a family with a long history of public service. I’ve worked in business and in government on issues from international trade and community development to public education. I have a history of finding common ground among people on all sides of many issues and bringing us together around shared values like family, community, job growth and fairness.

In the coming months I will be visiting with people in every neighborhood of Chicago to hear their concerns and their ideas for moving our city forward. While there is much to celebrate about Chicago, there are serious issues, from crime to long-term city finances to a dysfunctional state government that is standing in the way of our progress.

As the people of Chicago look for new leadership, we cannot come apart over our differences. By working hard and working together we can make every neighborhood of Chicago safe, strong and affordable.”

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