



# City of Chicago



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## Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 7/20/2016

**Sponsor(s):** Brookins (21)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Call for Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority to stop use of name designation "McCormick Square" for area bounded by E 21st St, Stevenson Expressway, CTA green line and Lake Michigan

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Human Relations

*Hayden*  
*Roberts*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (“MPEA”) recently designated the area of the City bound by 21<sup>st</sup> Street to the north, the Stevenson Expressway to the south, the CTA Green Line to the west, and the lake to the east as “McCormick Square;” and

**WHEREAS**, the MPEA released promotional materials claiming the aforementioned area as “Chicago’s Newest Neighborhood;” and

**WHEREAS**, the MPEA expects to spend \$250,000 of taxpayer money on marketing “McCormick Square” as Chicago’s newest neighborhood; and

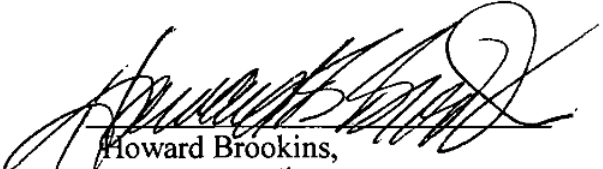
**WHEREAS**, the name for McCormick Place was established 56 years ago at a time when societal values allowed Robert R. McCormick’s regressive views on race, his bias against Asians, and his staunch anti-Mexican immigrant positions to be overlooked; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPEA chose to reinforce the name “McCormick” on the aforementioned area of the city in 2016, a year marked by the divisive presidential campaign of Donald Trump and his anti-immigrant, racially, and religiously intolerant views; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1-14-010 of the Chicago Municipal Code states that the naming or re-naming of a community area or neighborhood shall only be done through passage of an ordinance; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved**, That we, the Mayor, and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016, hereby express that we do not support the name “McCormick Square” for the area of the City bound by 21<sup>st</sup> Street to the north, the Stevenson Expressway to the south, the CTA Green Line to the west, and the lake to the east; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, That the City Council calls on MPEA to stop use of the designation “McCormick Square” and that MPEA bring a formal request to the City Council for approval and passage of an ordinance permitting use of public dollars to rename the area.

  
Howard Brookins,  
Alderman, 21<sup>st</sup> Ward