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**FISK AND CRAWFORD REUSE TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
LAUNCHES ONLINE FORUM TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC INPUT**

*Two Hearings in Pilsen and Little Village Neighborhoods and New Website Will Provide
Opportunity for Residents to Contribute Ideas and Feedback to Develop Coal Plant Sites.*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced today that the Fisk and Crawford Reuse Task Force will hold public meetings to engage Chicagoans in developing economic development and job creation alternatives for the land on which the Fisk and Crawford power plants currently operate. The hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, June 26 and Thursday, June 28.

"It is essential to get input from the public as we undertake these important economic development initiatives for the Pilsen and Little Village neighborhoods," said Mayor Emanuel. "These sites must be engines for job creation and growth that reflect the needs of the community and residents."

The first public hearing will take place in the Pilsen neighborhood on Tuesday, June 26 from 6:00-9:00PM National Museum of Mexican Art (1852 West 19th Street). Residents who wish to speak publicly should arrive by 6:30PM to register.

The second hearing will take place in the Little Village neighborhood on Thursday, June 28 from 6:00-9:00PM at the Little Village High School (3120 South Kostner Ave). Residents who wish to speak publicly should arrive by 6:30PM to register.



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In addition, the Task Force today launched a new website (<http://www.CityofChicago.org/FiskCrawfordReuse>) that will provide an interactive vehicle to engage residents.

The website consists of several interactive forums that allow participants to respond to topics posed by the Task Force. All suggestions and comments will be synthesized for Task Force members and suggestions will inform the Task Force's final report to the public. Community members will also be able to e-mail ideas and feedback to the Task Force privately at FiskCrawfordReuse@gmail.com.

The Fisk and Crawford Reuse Task Force was formed by Mayor Emanuel in April to engage the community in crafting economic development and job creation alternatives for the land on which the Fisk and Crawford power plants currently operate. The Task Force consists of three community members from the Pilsen and Little Village neighborhoods, one member from Midwest Generation, two aldermen, one representative from labor, one representative from ComEd, and one economic development representative from City Hall. The Delta Institute, a local non-profit organization with extensive experience leading brownfield redevelopments, is facilitating the group and will be ultimately responsible for the final report.

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