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MAYOR EMANUEL INTRODUCES THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDY FRYDLAND NEW DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS COMMISSIONER

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today introduced the appointment of Judy Frydland as Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Buildings (DOB) to City Council.

"Judy has decades of experience fighting for the safety of Chicago residents in building court, and the relationships she's built with the business community along the way will enable her to be an effective advocate for public safety and continued economic development at DOB," said Mayor Emanuel.

Frydland currently serves as a Deputy Corporation Counsel in the Chicago Department of Law's Building & License Enforcement Division. She has prosecuted Chicago landlords in the Circuit Court of Cook County First Municipal Division for Building, Fire and Lead paint violations for more than 25 years, and she has participated in multiple task forces for numerous intergovernmental and multi-agency projects, including the formation of policy on code enforcement and crime prevention. She also routinely works with the Chicago business community to encourage new business development, and her background will allow her to seamlessly move into this position and further foster economic development. Frydland will begin serving as acting commissioner until her appointment is approved by the Chicago City Council.

In her role as DOB Commissioner, Frydland will be responsible for enforcing the building code; continuing efforts to modernize the department, including reducing permitting times; fostering economic opportunities by working with developers and builders on economic development projects; and promoting public safety.

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