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**CITY OF CHICAGO**

**BRANDON JOHNSON**  
MAYOR

March 29, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Administrator Regan:

The City of Chicago via the Department of Environment (DOE) and in partnership with Cook County Department of Environment & Sustainability (DES), Chicago Public Schools (CPS), Chicago Housing Authority (CHA), and Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) is pleased to submit the 'Decarbonize Chicagoland!' proposal requesting \$198,000,000 in funding via the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant.

The proposed 'Decarbonize Chicagoland!' will focus on three key areas: (1) Diversion of Food Waste from Landfill; (2) Industrial Decarbonization Incentives; and (3) Decarbonization of Public Facilities to address carbon mitigation measures as identified within the Chicago Metropolitan Statistical Area Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP). The PCAP, under the leadership of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus (MMC) in partnership with the City, County, and many other partners, identified 13 priority strategies for implementation and underscored the need for urgent coordinated action to equitably mitigate the harshest impacts of climate change. We are proud of this coalition application which demonstrates cooperation between two jurisdictions that collectively represent 5.3 million residents.

Cook County and the City of Chicago stand ready to work together to stem rising greenhouse gas emissions causing global climate change across the Chicagoland region. As a testament of commitment to this collaboration, the City of Chicago and Cook County will enter into a memorandum of agreement by July 1, 2024 to advance a suite of implementation actions per the priority action strategies outlined in the PCAP to advance transformative results for the Chicagoland region. The proposed programs will achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and further deeper reductions by 2050. The measures will also provide substantial community benefits, particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

By targeting deep decarbonization and prioritizing innovative clean energy technologies, our solutions will complement other funding sources to maximize these GHG reductions, reduce local harmful emissions, and provide direct community benefits.

Please accept this letter of support for the City of Chicago's application to the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. In keeping with your existing rules and regulations, I urge you to give this proposal your full and fair consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact my Chief Sustainability Officer and Commissioner of the Environment, Angela Tovar, at 312-744-9193.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. M. Light" or similar, with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mayor