



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

March 7, 2020

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to welcome all those gathered for the 11th Annual Woodlawn Community Summit.

Since its founding in 2009, the Woodlawn Community Summit has worked to strengthen the economic and social capital of the Woodlawn neighborhood. The first Summit consisted of residents, neighborhoods associations, and community and civic leaders who came together to discuss safety, business, and growth. Over the years, the Summit has grown from 100 attendees to more than 500 and the success of the Summit has led to the development of The Woodlawn Peace Project and The Woodlawn Chamber of Commerce.

This year's Summit, themed "Building a New Southside," will bring together neighbors, youth groups, elected officials, business owners, and community leaders to network, learn, and inspire. With a full schedule of interactive breakout sessions, networking events, panel discussions, and access to resources, this event will give residents the opportunity to plan and implement solutions facing the community such as housing, sustainability, economic development, and safety and security. I commend all those involved with the Woodlawn Community Summit for your ongoing efforts to promote community involvement and improve the Woodlawn community and the City of Chicago.

I hope your event is memorable and enjoyable. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori E. Lightfoot".

Mayor