

# People First Pledge

On February 26th, 2019, we have an opportunity to build a City government that serves the people, not the special interests and machine politicians of the past. This pledge transcends any individual candidate, neighborhood, or government position. It's about our shared commitment to building the most transparent and accountable City Hall Chicago has ever seen.

As a candidate for office in Chicago, I pledge to:

1. Run for only one elected office at a time;
2. Ban elected officials, other City employees, and their immediate family members from holding outside jobs that conflict with their city responsibilities; and fix Rule 14 to ensure that if conflicts of interest do arise, aldermen immediately disclose them, and on the record; and recuse themselves from any City Council proceedings related to the conflict;
3. Implement term limits for the mayor (two terms) and for chairmanships in City Council (two terms);
4. Create a non-partisan City Council ward map redistricting process that is open, transparent, and respects ward boundaries as community boundaries;
5. Improve transparency and opportunities for public engagement, such as running the workers' compensation program in public view and holding multiple budget town hall meetings each fall;
6. Limit aldermanic prerogative to ensure that aldermen do not have unilateral veto power over important affordable housing developments and other far-reaching decisions in their wards;
7. Comply with FOIA and end FOIA abuse to ensure public access to information and prevent financial consequences of noncompliance;
8. Build a unified Office of Inspector General to oversee City departments, City Council and its committees, sister agencies, and City contractors, and allow the Inspector General to investigate alleged ethics violations, including through the use of subpoenas.

Signed by (as of Jan. 8, 2019):

Lori Lightfoot, Candidate for Mayor of Chicago  
Alexandria Willis, Aldermanic Candidate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
Jedidiah Brown, Aldermanic Candidate for the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Jaime Guzman, Aldermanic Candidate for the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Andre Smith, Aldermanic Candidate for the 20<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Cynthia Bednarz, Aldermanic Candidate for the 27<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Katie Sieracki, Aldermanic Candidate for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
Amanda Yu Dietrich, Aldermanic Candidate for the 35<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Dianne Delaiden, Aldermanic Candidate for the 40<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Maggie O'Keefe, Aldermanic Candidate for the 40<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Leslie Fox, Aldermanic Candidate for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
Jacob Ringer, Aldermanic Candidate for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
Jeff Jenkins, Aldermanic Candidate for the 47<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Heather Way Kitzes, Aldermanic Candidate for the 47<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Matt Martin, Aldermanic Candidate for the 47<sup>th</sup> Ward