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**NEW SERVICE ON CLERK DEL VALLE'S WEBSITE
INCREASES PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO CITY GOVERNMENT**

Summaries of proposed legislation posted online at www.chicityclerk.com.

As part of an effort to bring more transparency to City government, City Clerk Miguel del Valle has added a new service to the Clerk's website that enables the public to view information about legislation introduced by the Mayor, aldermen and general public soon after each City Council meeting. Summaries of proposed ordinances, orders, resolutions and appointments that are important in scope and substance can now be viewed by clicking a link entitled "Substantive Legislative Matters Introduced at City Council Meetings" on City Clerk del Valle's homepage, www.chicityclerk.com.

Following each City Council meeting, a listing of proposed legislative matters such as amendments to the Chicago Municipal Code, appointments, intergovernmental agreements, public hearing requests, property sales, redevelopment projects and other items of similar importance will be posted online. The items listed will contain a brief synopsis of the legislation including its sponsor(s), the committee where such item has been referred and a document tracking number.

"Legislative matters affecting Chicagoans' personal, professional and social lives are introduced at each City Council meeting. Posting this information online increases the public's awareness of legislation before it's considered at a committee meeting or public hearing," stated del Valle. "This service enables the public to be informed about new legislation at the beginning of the process rather than after it's already been voted on."

Although new matters presented to the City Council have always been published in the City Council Journal of Proceedings, Clerk del Valle's new initiative marks the first time the information will be viewable online only days after its introduction. Emphasis has been placed on presenting the information clearly and concisely to make sense to the general public.

"The new service is designed to be user-friendly and allows people to easily locate and track important legislation considered by the City Council," said del Valle.

City Clerk Miguel del Valle's office is responsible for maintaining the official records of city government and publishing the Journal of Proceedings of the Chicago City Council. The Journal contains all actions, votes, resolutions, communications and ordinances considered by the Council for each City Council meeting. Journals for recent City Council meetings are available for inspection in full text at Clerk del Valle's website www.chicityclerk.com.

"This is only the beginning of a series of enhancements I have planned to increase the transparency of City government," said del Valle. "These initiatives are part of my effort to better educate the public on the legislative process and encourage a greater understanding of the issues facing Chicago."

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