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CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE OFFICE LEASE ON NORTHWEST SIDE FOR O'HARE CONTRACTORS

CHICAGO – Mayor Brandon Johnson introduced an ordinance to City Council today seeking authority for the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) to lease office space in the 41st Ward for the team of consultants and contractors supporting the O'Hare 21 capital improvement program.

The ordinance would authorize the CDA to negotiate, execute and deliver to City Council for final approval a lease on approximately 79,000 square feet of fully furnished office space on the sixth through ninth floors of the office building at 8420 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. in the O'Hare community area. The office space is a part of U.S. Cellular Plaza, owned by Delaware-based FCA Fund Chicago II, LLC.

Executing the lease would allow the CDA to relocate approximately 330 employees of 18 different CDA contractors to the office on West Bryn Mawr Avenue, freeing office space at the CDA's Aviation Administration Building at 10510 W. Zemke Rd. Under the terms of the CDA's agreements with certain contractors, the CDA is obligated to provide their staff with office space. Additional space in the newly leased building would also be reserved as satellite offices for certain CDA staff overseeing the work of O'Hare 21 consultants.

This relocation would support economic activity in the 41st Ward and contribute to the vibrancy and economic resilience of the local community. It aligns with the CDA's commitment to integrating local resources and fostering partnerships that benefit both the airport and the surrounding neighborhoods. Once negotiated, the CDA will present the terms of the proposed office lease to the City Council Committee on Aviation and ultimately the full City Council for review and approval.



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