ORDINANCE NO. 97-18

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PUBLIC BIDDING DISADVANTAGEOUS AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HARRIET\_McCULLOUGH

WHEREAS, By Ordinance 91-67 the Chicago Transit Board created an independent Ombudsman unit to receive and investigate complaints and concerns raised by employees; and

WHEREAS, By said ordinance the Transit Board retained the services of Harriet McCullough to develop a program and to act as an Ombudsman; and

WHEREAS, By subsequent Board actions Ms. McCullough's services as the Ombudsman were continued through December 31, 1996; and

WHEREAS, By Ordnance No. 89-88 the Transit Board established a Code of Ethics and Ethics Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McCullough has been rendering service to help guide the Ethics Committee in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, The Transit Board wishes to study the Ombudsman unit with an eye toward strengthening and supporting it where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, The Transit Board desires to continue the services of Ms. McCullough in her capacity as Ombudsman and in assisting the Ethics Committee during the course of that evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Section 54.3-5 of the Regulations Governing Purchase and Sales Transactions provides for the award of contracts in those situations where the Transit Board determines that competitive public bidding would be disadvantageous; now, therefore:

> BE IT ORDAINED BY CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD OF CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. That based on the statements set forth in the preamble of this ordinance, the Transit Board hereby determines that competitive public bidding for these services is disadvantageous. ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 (Continued)-2

SECTION 2. That the Chairman of the Board, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Harriet McCullough to provide the services of Ombudsman and to assist the Ethics Committee for a term from the passage of this ordinance until April 30, 1997, at an expenditure not to exceed eleven thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$11,250).

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

January 22, 1997

PASSED: Secretarv

January 22, 1997