

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
TO
GENERAL COUNSEL
KAREN G. SEIMETZ

WHEREAS, Karen Seimetz has served as General Counsel of the Chicago Transit Authority for 11 years, making her the longest tenured General Counsel in the agency's history; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Karen Seimetz has provided excellent legal counsel and guidance to the Chicago Transit Board and to the CTA; and

WHEREAS, Karen Seimetz has managed an array of complex litigation and appeals to ensure that lawsuits and claims were resolved favorably to the CTA; and

WHEREAS, Karen Seimetz has been instrumental in the successful implementation of major agency initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Karen Seimetz provided crucial support to help the CTA secure over \$400 million in federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loans used for critical infrastructure projects, including the 95th Terminal Improvement Project, the Your New Blue Project and CTA's rail car replacement; and

WHEREAS, Karen Seimetz was instrumental in working with City Hall and Springfield in creating a landmark Transit Tax Increment Financing District to provide over \$600 million in funding for the Red and Purple Modernization Project; and

WHEREAS, Karen Seimetz has provided sound guidance in the CTA's development and expansion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program and the Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise programs to improve job and contracting opportunities for a diverse workforce on CTA projects; and

WHEREAS, Karen Seimetz has demonstrated steady and innovative leadership of the CTA's Law Department, making herself available to the 120 attorneys and staff in her charge for support, encouragement and guidance; and

WHEREAS, Karen Seimetz created an Ethics and Compliance division within the CTA's Law Department, which under her leadership secured CTA's first perfect score on the Federal Transit Administration Triennial Review in 2016; and

WHEREAS, As General Counsel, Karen Seimetz developed and oversaw a robust CTA Legal Intern Program that provides law students with practical legal experience and job opportunities post-graduation; and

WHEREAS, A committed advocate for professional development, Karen Seimetz has mentored and encouraged attorneys to do their best to expand their professional experiences, and has been instrumental in the professional growth and achievements of those that she has worked with over the years; now, therefore:

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BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Chicago Transit Board recognize the extraordinary impact that Karen Seimetz provided to the Chicago Transit Authority and the region's public transportation system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Chicago Transit Board thank Karen Seimetz for her service and dedication to the Chicago Transit Authority and her leadership of the Law Department for the past 11 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Chicago Transit Board wish Karen Seimetz the best in all her future endeavors.

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Chairman