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Chicago City Council Votes to Protect Youth Health



The Chicago City Council passed an ordinance that puts strong restrictions on tobacco retailers, including creating a new city license for e-cigarette retailers, placing strict limitations on where they can be located and increasing fines for selling tobacco products to minors. In reaction, American Lung

Association in Illinois advocacy director, Kristina Hamilton, issued the following statement:

“We thank Alderman Anthony Napolitano (41st Ward) for introducing ordinance 02022-1756 and applaud the Chicago City Council for passing it today. The City Council has taken a critical step to

protect adolescents from the widespread sale and use of vapes, e-cigarettes and other flavored aerosolized products.

We’re encouraged to see Chicago continue its record of being tough on tobacco. This ordinance will undoubtedly curb e-cigarette use, especially among youth, by raising the bar for

e-cigarette retailers to exist and reducing the density of where these stores are located. E-cigarettes are not a healthy alternative to traditional ‘combustible’ cigarettes. Dangerous ingredients are found in e-cigarettes, which have been linked to heart and respiratory diseases, and cancer. Nicotine, also

found in e-cigarettes, can harm the development of adolescent brains. We urge Mayor Lori Lightfoot to sign this measure. Further we urge the council to enact the following amendments to strengthen the ordinance before it goes in effect:

- Increase funding for youth tobacco prevention and cessation programs

- Require annual compliance checks and rechecks for noncompliance in Code;

- Impose retailer penalties escalating with each violation including the final penalty of revocation of the license; and

- Codify license fees to support enforcement.”

Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability Announces First District Council Election in February



On February 28, 2023, Chicago voters will elect three community members to serve on District Councils in each of Chicago's 22 Police Districts. In July 2021, the Chicago City Council passed the Empowering Communities for Public Safety (ECPS) ordinance, creating a new model for police oversight, accountability, and public safety. The ordinance establishes the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability, a citywide body with the power to advance systemic reform, as well as District Councils that will work to improve policing and

public safety and build stronger connections between the police and the community. The District Councils will have several key roles:

- Hold monthly public meetings, where residents can work with the police on local initiatives rooted in community concerns and priorities;
- Work to address concerns about policing in the district and increase accountability;
- Help develop and implement community policing initiatives;
- Provide input on police department policies and practices

In the upcoming municipal election, candidates in each District that receive the greatest, second greatest, and third greatest number of votes will assume office on the first Tuesday in May. District Council members serve four-year terms and receive a monthly stipend. In all District Council elections, voters may vote for up to three candidates. Deputy Director of District Councils Damon Smith will lead the team that will support the 22 elected District Councils. For more information about the District Councils and the election process, visit <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/ccpsa.html>.

Six Minutes of High-Intensity Exercise Could Delay the Onset of Alzheimer's disease



Six minutes of high-intensity exercise could extend the lifespan of a healthy brain and delay the onset of neurodegenerative disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease. New research published in *The Journal of Physiology* shows that a short but intense bout of cycling increases the

production of a specialized protein that is essential for brain formation, learning and memory, and could protect the brain from age-related cognitive decline. This insight on exercise is part of the drive to develop accessible, equitable and affordable non-pharmacological approaches that anyone can adopt to promote healthy

ageing. Twelve physically active participants (six males, six females aged between 18 and 56 years) took part in the study. The balanced ratio of male and female participants

was to provide a better representation of the population rather than indicate sex differences.

Open Books Launches Third Community-Focused Bookstore in Logan Square



Open Books, a local nonprofit providing literary experiences for tens of thousands of readers each year, announced the launch of its third community bookstore in Chicago, located at 2068 N Milwaukee Ave in the city's Logan Square neighborhood. Open Books also has locations in the West Loop and Pilsen neighborhoods.

The opening, which bolsters the organization's inventory by nearly 70,000 books, makes Open Books home to the largest network of used bookstores in Chicago. The new location, situated on a stretch of Milwaukee Avenue that has long endured shuttered storefronts and vacant buildings, is expected to help revitalize a part of Logan Square hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Founded in 2006, Open Books is a transformative social venture designed to foster literacy and encourage reading among thousands of Chicago children and families. By selling donated books to community members, the organization can fund neighborhood reading and writing support programs, free book grants, and affordable access to books for underserved and historically marginalized residents, schools and nonprofit partners. Readers can donate their used books at the new location on 2068 N Milwaukee Ave, in addition to many Open Books locations across the city, and learn more about becoming a volunteer by emailing volunteer@open-books.org.

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City Colleges of Chicago Take Part in the Caring Campus Program



All seven of City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) now take part in the Caring Campus program designed to enhance the student experience.

Malcolm X College reaches milestone as the 100th community college to join Caring Campus, the student success program of the Institute for Evidence-Based Change (IEBC). Malcolm X College joins the six other City Colleges of Chicago in participating in Caring Campus: Harold Washington College, Truman College, Kennedy-King College, Olive-Harvey College, Richard J. Daley College, and Wilbur Wright College. Caring Campus coaches college faculty and staff to implement research-based behaviors that increase student connectedness. These

behaviors are designed to help students feel that they are welcome and belong at the community college and that the faculty and staff are supporting them. Students come where they are welcome and stay where they feel cared about. Caring Campus is based on decades of research documenting that students who feel connected to their college are more likely to complete and succeed in their courses, persist from semester to semester, and achieve their educational goals. Caring Campus is particularly important for students from historically underserved populations and students less familiar

with college to feel welcome and that they belong in college. Caring Campus participants nationally report improvements in course retention and success, increased term-to-term persistence, and improved completion and transfer. Achievement gaps are being closed rapidly among demographic groups. Job satisfaction and relationships between staff, faculty and leadership also improve. Participating staff and faculty report that Caring Campus is valuable to their students, themselves, and the college. For more information, visit www.ccc.edu.

City Colleges of Chicago participan en el programa Caring Campus



Las siete City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) ahora participan en el programa Caring Campus diseñado para mejorar la experiencia de los estudiantes. Malcolm X College alcanza un hito como el colegio comunitario número 100 en unirse a Caring Campus, el programa de éxito estudiantil del Instituto para el Cambio Basado en la Evidencia (IEBC). Malcolm X College se une a las otras seis universidades de la ciudad de Chicago que participan en Caring Campus: Harold Washington College, Truman College, Kennedy-King College, Olive-Harvey College, Richard J. Daley College y Wilbur Wright

College. Caring Campus entrena al cuerpo docente y al personal de la universidad para implementar comportamientos basados en investigaciones que aumentan la conexión de los estudiantes. Estos comportamientos están diseñados para ayudar a los estudiantes a sentir que son bienvenidos y pertenecen al colegio comunitario y que la facultad y el personal los están apoyando. Los estudiantes vienen donde son bienvenidos y se quedan donde se sienten queridos. Caring Campus se basa en décadas de investigación que documentan que los estudiantes que se sienten conectados con su universidad tienen más proba-

bilidades de completar y tener éxito en sus cursos, persistir de semestre a semestre y alcanzar sus metas educativas. Caring Campus es particularmente importante para que los estudiantes de poblaciones históricamente desatendidas y los estudiantes menos familiarizados con la universidad se sientan bienvenidos y que pertenecen a la universidad. Los participantes de Caring Campus informan a nivel nacional mejoras en la retención y el éxito del curso, una mayor persistencia de término a término y una mejor finalización y transferencia. Las brechas de rendimiento se están cerrando rápidamente entre los grupos demográficos.

También mejoran la satisfacción laboral y las relaciones entre el personal, la facultad y el liderazgo.

El personal y la facultad participantes informan que Caring Campus es valioso para sus estudiantes, para

ellos mismos y para la universidad. Para obtener más información, visite www.ccc.edu.



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Pritzker Administration Relaunches “Opening Doors” Homebuyer Assistance Program

Governor JB Pritzker announced the reopening of a homeownership program designed to help working-class families and underrepresented communities of color throughout the state of Illinois. Offered through the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), the Opening Doors or Abriendo Puertas program is designed to aid lower-income people of color who have historically faced steeper barriers in their path toward homeownership with \$6,000 in forgivable assistance for down payment and/or closing costs. This latest round of assistance is funded through \$8 million in state Rebuild Illinois capital funds and is expected to assist more than 1,300 potential homebuyers.

Originally launched in December 2020, Opening Doors has assisted more than 7,100 first-time and repeat homebuyers with \$43 million in Rebuild Illinois capital funds. Under Opening Doors, IHDA will provide a 30-year 1st mortgage with a fixed interest rate and \$6,000 in down payment and/or closing cost assistance. The down payment assistance

is forgiven after five years, and no monthly payment is due from the borrower. Borrowers must meet all eligibility requirements established for IHDA’s down payment assistance programs, and homebuyer education is required. Interested homeowners can find additional information and a list of participating lenders at www.ihdamortgage.org.



Application Period Opens for FEMA’s Youth Preparedness Council

FEMA announced young leaders across the nation can now apply to become a part of the 2023 Youth Preparedness Council (YPC). YPC members are students in grades 8 through 11 who are selected to support disaster preparedness and make a difference in their communities. The YPC is an opportunity for young people to engage with FEMA and provide their perspectives, feedback and

opinions related to preparedness, grow their leadership skills and support the resilience of their communities. YPC members are chosen based on their passion for preparedness and helping others, their involvement in their community and their aptitude for working in a team and as a leader. The online application opened on Monday, and students must complete their applications and

provide two letters of recommendation by March 6, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. PT to be considered. To access the application materials, read about the current council members and learn more about the Youth Preparedness Council visit <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/individuals-communities/youth-preparedness-council>.



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BACP Launches Business Licensing Webinar Series

The Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) announced the launch of “Chicago Business Licensing,” a free webinar series occurring monthly. The webinars will provide an overview of business license types, including the application process and required documents, as well as best practices for safe operations. There will be an opportunity for

attendees to ask questions at the end of the webinar. As Chicago’s economic recovery continues, the business education webinars are a resource for current and future business owners. The webinars will be presented by BACP Small Business Center staff, who are City of Chicago business licensing experts. Below are the upcoming Business Licensing Webinar Series dates and times:

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.: Mobile Food Dispenser/Preparer Licensing
 Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.: Shared Housing Registration
 Wednesday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m.: Pop-Up Host/Operator Licensing
 Additional webinars are forthcoming. To register for an upcoming webinar, visit Chicago.gov/BusinessEducation.





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City of Chicago, Chicago Housing Authority, and Related Midwest Break Ground on Next Phase at Roosevelt Square



On Monday, Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot was joined by representatives of the Chicago Housing Authority, the City of Chicago Department of Housing, and Related Midwest for the ceremonial groundbreaking of Roosevelt Square Phase 3B, part of the innovative, master-planned, 160-acre development on Chicago's Near West Side. Formerly the site of the ABLA public housing project, Roosevelt Square is a multiphase, mixed-income development that will ultimately bring more than 2,000 new housing units to Chicago's Near West Side. Phase 3B includes three new-construction mid-rise buildings with a mix of studios and one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments with 92 market-rate apartments, 80 apartments for families with CHA subsidies, and 50 affordable/workforce apartments. Included in this phase is the restoration of the last remaining Jane Addams building which will house the new National Public Housing Museum, including 15 apartment homes. All apartments will include luxury finishes. The new building at Taylor and Racine will feature a fitness center, an indoor entertainment space, an amenity terrace, resident parking, tenant storage and indoor bike storage. Fresh Stop Produce & Deli and The Slice Shop, a local grocer and pizzeria, will be opening its largest location on the ground floor of the building. The new buildings at 1257 W. Roosevelt and 1357 W. Roosevelt will feature a fitness center, outdoor amenity space, a dog run, a package receiving room, resident parking, tenant storage and indoor bike storage. Phase 3B is expected to be completed in Summer 2024. For more information, visit www.thecha.org

Chicago Symphony Center Welcomes Peruvian Tenor Juan Diego Flórez

Peruvian tenor Juan Diego Flórez brings his signature virtuosity, elegance and boundless charm to a selection of favorite opera arias and song to Symphony Center on Tuesday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m. The operatic repertoire that showcases his command of the high tenor range features

Vincenzo Scalerà on piano. Flórez will perform favorite opera arias by Gounod, Rossini, Puccini, Verdi, and selections by Gluck, Carissimi, Tosti and others in this special recital program at Symphony Center.

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Tax Sale Reform Bill Addresses Longtime Displacement of Black, Brown Families

A new state legislative proposal seeks to prevent longtime owner-occupants from losing their homes to investors in the Cook County annual tax sale. SB 74 and HB 1238 were introduced respectively by Senator Robert Peters (D-South Shore) and Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin (D-Matteson) in Springfield. The legislation creates a monthly payment plan for homeowners who fall behind on their property tax bill and exempts them from the annual tax sale so long as their payment plan is in good standing. Currently, homeowners must pay their delinquent taxes in full within one year, plus compounding interest, to avoid being subject to the annual tax sale where they can be acquired by investors in a bidding process. The annual tax sale has been shown to have significant disparate impacts on Black



and Brown communities. Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, who administers the tax sale, has released a series of reports and interviews on the topic. Treasurer Pappas has publicly endorsed a list of needed reforms including interest reduction and a payment plan option. This initiative is led by Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Housing Action Illinois, the Chicago Community Trust,

The ReBirth of Greater Roseland/Communities United, the Chicago Rehab Network, and the Chicago Community Loan Fund. This reform is also supported by the Housing Policy Task Force, a coalition of more than twenty advocacy and housing organizations working to increase access to the wealth-building opportunities of homeownership for people of color.

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Aviso Legal/Aviso Público
Aviso de Hallazgo de Impacto no Significativo
Y Aviso de Intención de Solicitar la Liberación de Fondos
Fecha de Publicación: 26 de Enero de 2023
Ciudad de Berwyn - 6700 W. 26th Street, Berwyn IL 60402 - 708/788-2660

Estos avisos deberán satisfacer los requisitos de procedimiento para las actividades que se llevarán a cabo en la Ciudad de Berwyn.

SOLICITUD DE LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS (RROF)

El 15 de febrero de 2023 o alrededor de esta fecha, Berwyn presentará una solicitud al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) de EE. UU. para la liberación de fondos en virtud del Título 1 de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1974, modificada para llevar a cabo ciertas actividades conocidas como (1) reemplazo de aceras, incluidos los bordillos y las rampas de la ADA en áreas de baja modernidad de las cuadras 2200 a 2500 de las avenidas Clarence y Wesley; calles 23, 24 y 25, avenidas Clarence a Wesley; 3700 a 3800 cuadras de las avenidas Ridgeland, Elmwood, Gunderson, Scoville y East; Calles 37, 38 y 39 desde Ridgeland hasta East Avenues (2) El reemplazo de alcantarillado y calles se llevará a cabo en Cuyler Avenue, desde la calle 16 hasta la calle 23; Calle 21, Avenidas Highland a Cuyler; 23rd Street, Highland hasta Scoville Avenues; 2200 cuadras de las avenidas Elmwood, Gunderson y Scoville (3) Rehabilitación unifamiliar. Estas actividades benefician a hogares y áreas geográficas de ingresos bajos y moderados y se llevarán a cabo dentro de la ciudad de Berwyn, Illinois, a un costo total de aproximadamente \$1,081,642 para infraestructura y \$145,000 para rehabilitación de familias unifamiliares.

La Ciudad de Berwyn presentará una solicitud al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los EE. UU. (HUD) para la liberación de fondos bajo el Título 1 de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1974, enmendada para el proyecto conocido como Rehabilitación de Vivienda Unifamiliar con el propósito de ayudar a los residentes de Berwyn con ingresos bajos o moderados a mejorar las unidades de vivienda ocupadas por sus propietarios y abordar y corregir las infracciones del código, abordar los problemas de salud y seguridad, y ayudar a las personas con discapacidades proporcionando actualizaciones de ADA.

Las actividades propuestas están categóricamente excluidas bajo las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR Parte 58 de los requisitos de la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental (NEPA), pero están sujetas a revisión bajo otras autoridades enumeradas en 24 CFR 58.5. Este es un Aviso de Nivel 1 para todo el programa. Se presume que las casas construidas antes de 1978 contienen pintura a base de plomo y/o asbesto. Si las pruebas revelan los elementos presentes en cualquier hogar y si se requiere reducir o controlar dicho elemento debido al alcance del trabajo del proyecto, el monto en dólares de los fondos federales que se gastan en el hogar/dirección y/o la seguridad del residente, la reducción se llevará a cabo de acuerdo con todas las reglamentaciones federales, estatales y locales.

Los factores de cumplimiento se determinarán según la dirección específica. Las direcciones individuales aún no se conocen. Los factores pueden incluir Preservación Histórica, Contaminación y Sustancias Tóxicas (que no sean pintura a base de plomo y asbesto) y Riesgos Explosivos e Inflamables y Ruido.

Si se requiere mitigación o cumplimiento para una dirección/propiedad individual, se completará un proceso de Solicitud de Liberación de Fondos individual para esa dirección. Un Registro de revisión ambiental (ERR) que documenta la determinación ambiental para este proyecto está archivado en Community Development, 6700 W 26th Street, Berwyn, Illinois 60402 y puede examinarse de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a. m. a 5:00 p. m.

HALLAZGO DE IMPACTO NO SIGNIFICATIVO (FONSI)

Berwyn ha determinado que las actividades no tendrán un impacto significativo en el entorno humano. Por lo tanto, no se requiere una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental según la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental (NEPA) de 1969. El Registro de revisión ambiental (ERR) que documenta la determinación ambiental para cada actividad está archivado en 6700 W 26th Street, Berwyn, IL 60402 y puede examinarse o copiarse los días de semana de 9:00 a. m. a 5:00 p. m.

COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS

Cualquier individuo, grupo o agencia que no esté de acuerdo con esta determinación o desee comentar sobre las actividades puede enviar comentarios por escrito al Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario, 6700 W 26th Street, Berwyn, IL 60402, 708-795-6850, rmendicino@ci.berwyn.il.us. Berwyn considerará todos los comentarios recibidos antes del 13 de febrero de 2023 antes de enviar una solicitud de liberación de fondos. Los comentarios deben especificar a qué aviso se dirigen.

CERTIFICACIÓN AMBIENTAL - LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

Berwyn certifica a HUD que Robert J. Lovero, en su calidad de Alcalde, consiente en aceptar la jurisdicción de los Tribunales Federales si se inicia una acción para hacer cumplir las responsabilidades en relación con el proceso de revisión ambiental y que estas responsabilidades hayan sido satisfechas. La aceptación de la certificación por parte de HUD satisface sus responsabilidades conforme a la NEPA y permite que Berwyn utilice los fondos del Programa.

OBJECIONES A LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

Berwyn enviará a HUD una Solicitud de liberación de fondos alrededor del 15 de febrero de 2023. HUD aceptará objeciones a su liberación de fondos y la certificación de Berwyn durante un período de quince (15) días a partir de la fecha de presentación o la recepción real de la solicitud (lo que ocurra más tarde) solo si se basa en una de las siguientes bases: (a) la certificación no fue ejecutada por el Oficial Certificador de la Ciudad de Berwyn; (b) la Entidad Responsable ha omitido un paso o no ha tomado una decisión o hallazgo requerido por las reglamentaciones de HUD de 24 CFR Parte 58; (c) el beneficiario de la subvención, u otro participante, incurrió en costos o realizó actividades no autorizadas por 24 CFR Parte 58 antes de la aprobación de la liberación de fondos por parte de HUD; o (d) otra agencia federal que actúa de conformidad con 40 CFR Parte 1504 ha presentado una conclusión por escrito de que el proyecto no es satisfactorio desde el punto de vista de la calidad ambiental. Las objeciones deben prepararse y presentarse de acuerdo con los procedimientos requeridos (24 CFR Parte 58) y deben dirigirse al: Sr. Donald Kathan, Director de HUD, Oficina Regional de Chicago, Planificación y Desarrollo Comunitario, CPD_COVID-19OEE-CHI@hud.gov. Los posibles objetores deben comunicarse con HUD para verificar el último día real del período de objeción.

Robert J. Lovero, Alcalde
Ciudad de Berwyn

Legal Notice/Public Notice
Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact
And Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds
Publication Date: January 26, 2023
City of Berwyn - 6700 w 26th Street, Berwyn IL 60402 - 708/788-2660

These notices shall satisfy procedural Requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Berwyn

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (RROF)

On or about February 15, 2023, Berwyn will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended to undertake certain activities known as (1) sidewalk replacement, including ADA curbs and ramps in low-mod areas of the 2200 through 2500 blocks of Clarence and Wesley Avenues; 23rd, 24th, and 25th Streets, Clarence to Wesley Avenues; 3700 through 3800 blocks of Ridgeland, Elmwood, Gunderson, Scoville, and East Avenues; 37th, 38th, and 39th Streets from Ridgeland to East Avenues (2) Sewer and Street replacement will take place on Cuyler Avenue, 16th Street through 23rd Street; 21st Street, Highland to Cuyler Avenues; 23rd Street, Highland through Scoville Avenues; 2200 Blocks of Elmwood, Gunderson and Scoville Avenues (3) Single Family Rehabilitation. These activities benefit low and moderate income households and geographic areas and will take place within the City of Berwyn, Illinois at a total cost of approximately \$1,081,642 for infrastructure and \$145,000 for Single Family Rehabilitation.

The City of Berwyn will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended for project known as Single Family Rehabilitation for the purpose of assisting Berwyn residents with low or moderate incomes to improve owner occupied housing units and by addressing and correcting code violations, addressing health and safety issues, and assist persons with disabilities by providing ADA upgrades.

The proposed activities are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements but subject to review under other authorities listed in 24 CFR 58.5. This is a program wide Tier 1 Notice. Houses constructed prior to 1978 are presumed to contain lead-based paint and/or asbestos. Should testing reveal those elements present in any home and if such an element is required to be abated or controlled because of the project scope of work, the dollar amount of Federal funding being expended on the home/address, and/or the safety of the resident, the abatement will take place in accordance with all Federal, State and local regulations.

Compliance factors will be determined on an address specific basis. Individual addresses are not yet known. Factors may include Historic Preservation, Contamination and Toxic substances (other than lead based paint and asbestos) and Explosive and Flammable hazards and Noise.

If mitigation or compliance for an individual address/property is required, an individual Request for Release of Funds process will be completed for that address. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this project is on file at Community Development, 6700 W 26th Street, Berwyn, Illinois 60402 and may be examined Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

Berwyn has determined the activities will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. The Environmental Review Record (ERR) documenting the environmental determination for each activity is on file at 6700 W 26th Street, Berwyn, IL 60402 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the activities may submit written comments to the Community Development Department, 6700 W 26th Street, Berwyn, IL 60402, 708-795-6850, rmendicino@ci.berwyn.il.us. All comments received by February 13, 2023 will be considered by Berwyn prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION - RELEASE OF FUNDS

Berwyn certifies to HUD that Robert J. Lovero in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows Berwyn to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Berwyn will send to HUD a Request for Release of Funds on or about February 15, 2023. HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Berwyn's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Berwyn; (b) the Responsible Entity has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations of 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient, or other participant, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to: Mr. Donald Kathan, HUD Director, Chicago Regional Office, Community Planning and Development, CPD_COVID-19OEE-CHI@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robert J. Lovero, Mayor
City of Berwyn