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PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Alan Bell, Jacqueline Samuel, Ph.D.

Position: Council Members

Department/Board/Commission: Conservation and Policy Council

Effective Date: 1/1/2025

Expiration Date: 12/31/2027

Summary: The terms for Conservation and Policy Council members Alan Bell, Jacqueline Samuel, and Michael DeSantiago expire on December 31, 2024. Alan and Jacqueline are able and willing to serve an additional term. Michael DeSantiago, who has served on the Council for ten years, is stepping down. In December we will be submitting a resolution to honor and thank Michael for his service.

The Council Nominating Committee recommends that Alan Bell and Jacqueline Samuel be appointed to a new term beginning January 1, 2025.

Alan Bell is a partner at the law firm of Charity & Associates, P.C., focusing on municipal finance and real estate finance. He is also the founder and president of The Elements Group, which focuses on nature-oriented development projects. He serves on the boards of Openlands, the Land Trust Alliance, the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance and the Black Ensemble Theater, and is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers. He enjoys bike riding along Chicago's lakefront and hiking trails throughout the Forest Preserves.

Jacqueline Samuel is the Program Director of the Master of Public Administration at National Louis University. Previously, Dr. Samuel served as the Project Manager for the Housing Authority of Cook County, South Suburban Safe and Thriving Communities Program. She also facilitated and developed quality-of-life programs for 10 years in the South Chicago Area. She has served on the Health and Healing Committee/ Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago, the Mayor's Kitchen Cabinet Commercial Development Advisory, Advocate Trinity Hospital Community Health Council, the Community Advisory Review Council for the Institute for Translational Medicine (CARC) and the Illinois ACE's Response Collaborative. Her most recent awards include the National Louis University REACH Award, the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital Courage Award and the Chicago Police Department CAPS Award for the 4th District. Jacqueline was born and raised in Chicago. She has a love for the arts and has performed in numerous plays and films based in Chicago.