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UNPRECEDENTED COALITION OF LEADERS JOIN COMMITTEE TO RECRUIT AMAZON HQ2 AND 50,000 JOBS TO CHICAGO REGION

Mayor Emanuel, Governor Rauner Recruit Historic Group of Public, Private and Non-Profit Sector Leaders to Support Effort to Bring Amazon to Chicago

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Governor Bruce Rauner today announced the formation of a committee that will support the drive to bring Amazon's HQ2 to the Chicago area. The committee will be cochaired by Oscar Munoz, CEO of United Airlines.; Penny Pritzker, Founder and Chair of PSP Capital; Jim Reynolds, Chairman and CEO of Loop Capital; and Miles White, Chairman and CEO of Abbott.

The effort will be headed by the Mayor and Governor, who are serving as Honorary Co-Chairs of the Committee, and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who is serving as Honorary Vice-Chair. In total, the committee is comprised of more than 600 leaders from across the business, financial, technology, arts and culture, civic and education communities.

"This unprecedented coalition brings together the public and private sectors with education, community and faith leaders to speak with a powerful, unified voice that says that Chicago is the ideal location for Amazon to build its new home and continue to grow for generations," Mayor Emanuel said. "As we prepare the bid to bring Amazon home to Chicago, this committee will highlight the region's competitiveness and strength as a national and global leader in business, education, research, culture and quality of life."

"This Committee's membership compellingly represents the assets that Illinois offers business," Governor Rauner said. "These leaders take advantage of our resources in transportation, distribution and logistics; technology and engineering excellence; world renowned medical, academic and educational research; and culture, arts, recreation and sports. Most important, they access Illinois' diverse, highly skilled workforce. Their involvement sends a great message about the value of doing business in Illinois."

"I am pleased to support this approach in highlighting the many strengths of our region as we convince Amazon to locate its HQ2 here," Cook County Board President Preckwinkle said. "Our region boasts assets unmatched anywhere else in the U.S., and our collaborative approach is clear demonstration of our will to work together, county, city and suburb, and state as well as across party lines, to pursue our mutual goal."

Earlier this month Amazon announced it plans to build HQ2 – a second headquarters in North America. The company expects to invest more than \$5 billion for construction and employ up to 50,000 people. HQ2 is also projected to create tens of thousands of additional jobs and tens of billions of dollars in additional investment. The company is accepting applications in October from areas across the nation.

Mayor Emanuel and Governor Rauner, in collaboration with surrounding counties, will be submitting a bid to bring HQ2 to metropolitan Chicago. The effort is being led for the Mayor's Office by Deputy Mayor Robert S. Rivkin and for the Governor's Office by Deputy Governor Leslie Munger. The committee will help demonstrate that the Chicago area is the best place for Amazon to grow and prosper.

The formation of the committee builds on a major step taken last week. The City of Chicago and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity are currently accepting nominations for potential Amazon HQ2 locations to include in the formal response to the company's search for a second home. Nominated sites must meet Amazon's requirements, which include 500,000 square feet of initial space and the ability to expand up to 8 million square feet of space over the next 10 years. Sites should also provide direct access to mass transit and be located within 30 miles of a population center and 45 minutes of O'Hare Airport. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017.

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Jahmal Cole; Founder, My Block My Hood My City

Malcolm Crawford; Executive Director, Austin African American Business Networking Association

Cardinal Blase Cupich; Archdiocese of Chicago

Pastor Wilfredo Dejesus; New Life Covenant Church

Jaime di Paulo Zozaya; Executive Director, Little Village Chamber of Commerce

Bishop Sally Dyck; Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church

Dr. Michael Eaddy; Pastor, People's Church of the Harvest

Alex Esparanza; Executive Director, 18th Street Development Corporation

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Leon Finney Jr; President, Woodlawn Community Development Corp

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Mario Garcia; Executive Director, Onward Neighborhood House

Pastor Wayne Gordon; Lawndale Community Church

Brandon Green; Pastoral Director, River City Community Development Center

Pastor Darrel Griffin; Oakdale Covenant Church

Pastor Marshal Hatch; New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church of West Garfield

Bishop William Hudson; The Power House

Pastor Bill Hybels; Willow Creek Community Church

Pastor Charles Jenkins; Fellowship Chicago

Melinda Kelly, Executive Director, Chatham Business Association

Pastor Shannon Kershner; Fourth Presbyterian Church

Abraham Lacy; Executive Director, Far South CDC

Juan Carlos Linares; Executive Director, LUCHA

Rabbi Steven Lowenstein; Am Shalom Temple

Jose Lopez; Executive Director, Puerto Rican Cultural Center

B. Herbert Martin; Senior Pastor, Progressive Community Church

Rhonda McFarland; Executive Director, Quad Communities Development Corporation

Reverend James Meeks; Salem Baptist Church

Johnny L. Miller; Pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, JLM Life Center

Dr. Otis Moss; Senior Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ

Leonard Muhammad; Principal, The Shephard's Group

Rami Nashashibi; Executive Director, Inner-City Muslim Action Network

Cliff Nellis; Executive Director, Lawndale Christian Legal Center

Pastor Robert Patterson; Spirit of Truth Baptist Church

Jorge Perez; Executive Director, HACIA

Father Michael Pfleger; St. Sabina Church

Pastor Lou Ramos; Storehouse Church

Raul Raymundo; CEO, The Resurrection Project

Claude Robinson; Executive Vice President, UCAN

Rabbi Michael Siegel; Anshe Emet Synagogue

Bishop Horace E. Smith; Apostolic Faith Church

Juan Soto; Executive Director, Pilsen Neighbors Community Council

Ted Stalnos; President, Calumet Area Industrial Commission

Pastor Jarett Stevens; Soul City Church

Pastor Al Toledo; Chicago Tabernacle

Pastor Albert Tyson; Presiding Elder, North District, Chicago Annual Conference

Bishop John White; AME Church

Apostle Dr. Carl L White; Southland Ministerial Health Network, Victory Christian International

Pastor John Zavas; Grace and Peace Ministries

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Sandra Abrevaya; President & Chief Impact Officer, Thrive Chicago

Ellen Alberding; President, Joyce Foundation

Leroy R. Allala; Executive Director, Chicago Sister Cities International

Haven Allen; Co-Founder & Executive Director, mHub

Kara Bachman; Executive Director, Chicago Sports Commission

Greg Baise; President & CEO, Illinois Manufacturers' Association

MarySue Barrett; President, Metropolitan Planning Council

Andres Beltran; Economic Development Coordinator, Kendall County

Jim Bennett; Chief Development Officer, Lambda Legal

David Bennett; Executive Director, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

Kate Bensen; President & CEO, The Chicago Network

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Kam Buckner; Executive Director, World Sports Chicago

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John Carpenter; President & CEO, Choose DuPage

Gloria Castillo; President & CEO, Chicago United

Robbin Cohen; Executive Director, Obama Foundation

Caralynn Nowinski Collens; CEO, UI LABS

Steven Collens; CEO, MATTER

James Compton; Former CEO, Chicago Urban League

John Conrad; Interim President & CEO, Illinois Biotechnology Innovation Organization & iBIO

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Robert Escalante; Chief Operating Officer, Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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Jason Henrichs; Co-Founder, FinTex Chicago

Adolfo Hernandez; Director, Community Health Initiative, Pritzker Foundation

David Hiller; President & CEO, McCormick Foundation

Fred Hoch; Executive Chairman, Illinois Technology Association

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Tom Hulseman; Managing Director, Metro Chicago Exports

Kim L. Hunt; Executive Director, Pride Action Tank

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Julia Kanouse; CEO, Illinois Technology Association

Rob Karr; President & CEO, Illinois Retail Merchants Association

Michael Kelly; CEO & Superintendent, Chicago Park District

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Galen Mason; Co-Founder, Catapult

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Dorri McWhorter; CEO, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

Cindy Moelis; President, Pritzker Traubert Foundation

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Kamau Murray; President & CEO, XS Tennis

Jenne Myers; CEO, ChicagoCares

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