

ORDINANCE ON HIV PREVENTION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the spread of HIV/AIDS has continued to be a scourge on all communities in the City of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, there are now an estimated 28,000 persons living with HIV in Chicago, and

WHEREAS, the number of reported HIV/AIDS cases in the City of Chicago has increased 52% between 2001 and 2005, and

WHEREAS, this disease disproportionately effects communities of color, with African Americans representing 36% of the City's total population, but 55% of newly diagnosed adult HIV cases, and the incidence of AIDS among the Puerto Rican community is second only to that of the African American community (41 cases per 100,000 residents and 26 cases per 100,000 residents respectively), and

WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS was the leading cause of death in 2003 for African American men ages 34 to 44 in Chicago—resulting in more deaths than homicide, cancer, stroke, and diabetes—and the second leading cause of death among Puerto Rican men ages 35 to 44 in Chicago, and

WHEREAS, City of Chicago funding for HIV prevention has not increased since 2003 and an additional \$500,000 would be needed just to keep up with the rate of inflation, and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has received nearly \$500,000 less in state and federal funding for HIV prevention activities, and

WHEREAS, a \$1,700,000 increase in prevention funding has the potential to save \$4.6 million in health care costs, plus avoid further devastation of families and community, Now, therefore,

WE THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
HEREBY ORDAIN:

Section 1. That the 2007 budget allocation for the Chicago Department of Public Health be increased by an amount of \$1,700,000 for the purpose of expanding HIV/AIDS prevention programs in at-risk communities citywide.

Section 2. That this increase not be drawn from existing Department of Public Health funds, but from such other funds available to the City as shall be determined by the Budget Director.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon its approval and passage.

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Sam ... 47

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Howard ... 21

Shirley Coleman
16

Frederic ... 32nd

Madeline ... 22nd

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Pat ... 22

Frederic ... 15th

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Mary Ann ...

Helen Diller 46

Dr. Daley 43

... 35th

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Emma ... 37

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Ed ... 40

... 1st

Daniel ... 25th

Michael ... 24

Lucie ... 5th

Mel ... 23

Mont ... 39

Ed ... 28th

Benn ... 50

Frederic ...