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SEIU Local 73 Statement in Response to Mayor Lori Lightfoot's Budget Address

CHICAGO, IL. – SEIU Local 73 President Dian Palmer released the following statement in response to Mayor Lori Lightfoot's budget address:

“Since the beginning of the pandemic, our members in Chicago have been on the front line ensuring continuity of service for the people of Chicago. Just like the other union workers throughout the city, many have contracted COVID-19 and paid the price with their very lives.”

“As the crisis continues to grow, Chicago's reliance on public services has also grown. We need to work together to strengthen and protect these vital public services.”

“SEIU Local 73 is working closely with Chicago's other unions to identify cost savings and efficiencies to mitigate the need for furloughs, layoffs, or vacancy reductions. We will continue to work with the Mayor and City Council as the budget process moves forward.”

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SEIU Local 73 represents more than 29,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families and communities.