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RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

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To Whom It May Concern:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I would like to take this opportunity to express my enthusiastic support for the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation.

Established a little over a decade ago in 2005, the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation (KCF) has quickly become one of our city's most venerated youth advocacy organizations. Since its onset, the Foundation has proven how learning the game of chess enriches children socially and educationally. Staff and volunteers provide innovative and interactive educational spaces for children of all backgrounds in and around Chicago lead and learn through the game of chess. To date, KCF has taught the game of chess to more than 20,000 students and hosts several popular tournaments throughout the year. Their highly anticipated events draw players from across the nation allowing students to participate in important cultural exchanges and form new bonds all while showcasing and sharpening their skills. The ongoing efforts of the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation undoubtedly impact culture, community, and change.

Many KCF students have gone on to achieve great things at the local and national level in chess competition. But success in the game of chess also translates into success inside and outside of the classroom from critical thinking and problem solving across all subjects to heightened mathematics skills. So the Foundation's collaboration with Chicago Public Schools has always given students an advantage. As Mayor, I could not be more excited that KCF's incredible work is helping to prepare the city's next generation of leaders. But as a resident, I could not be more proud that they are augmenting the learning and enhancing the lives of Chicago's children and families. One game of chess at a time, the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation demonstrates to youth how every decision and every move impacts every outcome and that will always be an invaluable lesson. I fully support the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation and hope you will too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor