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Welcome to the CBA 2018 Awards Gala. Thank you for joining us in celebration of 46 years of community service. We have a special evening in store, with our musical guest, the legendary Smokey Robinson and very special honorees.

Tonight, we are honoring people important to the continued success and impact that Chatham Business Association has in the community. Jamie Rhee, Commissioner of the Department of Aviation. As Chief Procurement Officer, Jamie has been dedicated to ensuring that black businesses are able to grow and thrive, in her new role with the department of aviation, she is continuing to create opportunities for growth in black businesses. Jamie is receiving the "Governmental Business Thought Leader Award" for always being innovative and supportive in the business community.

Shannon Andrews, Chief Procurement Officer. Since being appointed to the Department of Procurement Services, Shannon has been eagerly open to communicating with Chatham Business Association to assist with business development wherever there is a need. She will be receiving the "Governmental Service Award" for her willingness to jump in and hit the ground running.

ComEd is receiving the "Corporate Game Changer Award". It is an honor to be able to recognize a company that takes time to cultivate relationships with community organizations to maximize their impact. ComEd has made it possible this year for Chatham Business Association to launch an Alternative Energy Entrepreneurship Cohort Training. Thanks to ComEd, we have the ability to grow businesses in Alternative Energy. ComEd remains dedicated to aiding in our mission to sustain communities through the development and support of local businesses.

Nosa Ehimwenman, President and CEO of Bowa Construction is receiving the "Business Community Transformation Catalyst Award". Nosa serves as an inspiration to many in the business community, his tenacity and intelligence has catapulted his company into tremendous success. He has been able to grow in a short amount of time and successfully attain some of the most sought after contracts in the city, which is no easy feat for a minority business. Chatham Business Association is very proud to recognize our honorees tonight.

In 2018, in partnership with Liberty Bank, CBA launched the Construction Equipment Management Program (CEMP) geared to ensure underserved business communities will be able to access the million and billion dollar projects that will be available right in our back yards.

The work that Chatham Business Association fulfills year round would not be possible without the wonderful staff, we are small in number but large in presence. I would like to thank my staff, Cliff Borner, Pattilyn Beals, Charles Edwards, Karletta Kelly, Malcolm Moore, Richard Willis and our Special Service Area #51 Staff. Special Thanks to Charles Avery of Safe Zone Services and Michelle Flagg of Redacre Solutions.

In closing, sit back and enjoy our guest speaker Thurman "Tony" Smith, our musical guest Smokey Robinson and our exciting program. Thank you again for celebrating with Chatham Business Association.

Sincerely,

Melinda Kelly
Chair Chatham Business Association



We share your mission and admire your spirit

Congratulations to the Chatham Business Association on your
46th Annual Awards Gala and honorees tonight.

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Greetings

Donovan Pepper
Gala Co-Chair

Welcome to the celebration of 46 years of community service for the Chatham Business Association. I am pleased to serve as a gala co-chair for an organization that shares the mission of Walgreens—which is to support the health, well-being and vitality of the communities that we operate in. The Chatham Business Association (“CBA”) is aligned with this mission in so many ways. Walgreens and the CBA have long had a close partnership that helps both of our organizations succeed.

CBA will host its annual Awards Gala on Saturday, October 27, 2018, at The Geraghty, 2520 South Hoyne Avenue, Chicago IL 60608. The gala is proud to feature Smokey Robinson, Up Close and Personal and we will honor Chicago’s Aviation Commissioner Jamie Rhee and ComEd, for their outstanding work in supporting businesses in Chicagoland.

CBA was formed with a mission to promote political and economic stability in Chatham in 1972. Since then, as a result of CBA’s expertise in small business growth and development, their market has expanded to serving businesses and communities citywide and throughout the State of Illinois.

This year, thanks to support from ComEd/Exelon and the Future Energy Jobs Act, CBA launched its first Alternative Energy business growth & development cohort, <https://www.awinforchicago.com>. CBA has committed to work within underserved communities on the West, Southwest and in the Southern regions of Chicago to help build and identify new and existing entrepreneurs to understand and secure projects in renewable energy and energy efficiency. CBA is uniquely situated to unite peer organizations and strategically remove obstacles that systematically prohibit businesses from successfully engaging in contract opportunities.

I have had the distinct pleasure and honor to have met and known Mr. William Garth, Sr., one of CBA’s Founder and one of Chicago’s legendary businessman. He, along with Mr. Joseph Caldwell, who will be with us tonight, and Mr. Bill Miller, founded this great organization that Executive Director Melinda Kelly continues to guide and lead. I know that Mr. Caldwell and everyone else in the room tonight would agree, that Mr. Garth is certainly smiling down on the Chatham Business Association this evening.

On behalf of my company, my Walgreens colleagues here tonight and those that work and live in Chatham and Chicagoland, enjoy this evening’s dinner, honors and entertainment.

Sincerely,

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Donovan W. Pepper
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Welcome

Tarrah Cooper
Gala Co-Chair

It is my absolute privilege to welcome you to the Chatham Business Association's Annual Awards Gala! Thank you all for being here to celebrate the incredible work the Chatham Business Association has done and continues to do within the Chatham community and beyond. Chatham Business Association's Annual Awards Gala is an exciting time to reflect on the progress that has been made, the immense impact we've had on the community, and those who made it all happen.

The Chatham Business Association, while immeasurably dedicated to promoting business interests in Chatham, is truly an organization with a greater vision for the entire South Side community. In addition to the numerous incredible programs the Chatham Business Association has for small business owners and entrepreneurs in the South Side community, the organization also takes great care to ensure that the young minds and talents in the community are nurtured and prepared to invest in their own futures.

At Rise Strategy Group, it is an honor to help individuals and organizations tell their stories and build relationships with audiences around the world. The scope and breadth of work that the Chatham Business Association does to impact change in our communities provides us with nothing but endless inspirational stories to convey.

Tonight, we are surrounded by individuals who are committed to doing good in both their personal and professional lives. The relationships that have formed among these wonderful community advocates is nothing short of inspiring. I hope you all enjoy this wonderful evening and make memories that will last a lifetime!

Tarrah Cooper

Managing Partner, Rise Strategy Group

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BRUCE RAUNER
GOVERNOR



October 27, 2018

Chatham Business Association
800 East 78th Street
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Congratulations!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to congratulate the Chatham Business Association on the celebration of its 46th anniversary.

To celebrate an anniversary such as this is a significant milestone for any organization. Chatham Business Association's history testifies to the mission of promoting economic stability. Since 1972, you have committed to work within underserved communities in the city of Chicago. Your work in helping small businesses develop and grow transforms people, families, neighborhoods, communities through ownership and employment. The longevity of the Chatham Business Association is truly a testament to the relationships you have developed throughout the years. Your great work will continue to build onto the legacy of your founder, William Garth, Sr. I have no doubt you will continue help small businesses thrive for many years to come.

Once again, it is my honor to join in commemorating the 46th anniversary of the Chatham Business Association. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

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TONI PRECKWINKLE
PRESIDENT

October 27, 2018

GREETINGS

As President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the residents of Cook County, I offer warm greetings to all in attendance at the Chatham Business Association's Annual Awards Gala.

I am proud of the Chatham Business Association's dedication to small businesses and the community. Since 1972, you have created opportunities to economically strengthen and empower community members through programs such as job training workshops, job fairs, youth leadership development initiatives, free MBE/WBE/BEPD certification workshops and more. Your work helps ensure the prosperity of small businesses and the community, both in and out of Chatham.

Please accept my appreciation for your continued dedication to enrich the lives of the residents of Cook County. I send my warmest regards for a productive and enjoyable Annual Awards Gala.

Sincerely,

Toni Preckwinkle
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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

October 27, 2018

Dear Friends:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased and proud to welcome all those gathered for Chatham Business Association's Annual Awards Gala.

Founded in 1972 by local businessmen with the desire to invest in the Chatham Community, the Chatham Business Association (CBA) works to create and promote programs that ensure the stability and growth of Chatham's business communities. By working with major financial institutions, corporations, local businesses and civic leaders, CBA drives economic development into the most vulnerable neighborhoods, where many small and minority owned businesses have their operations. Through vital resources and programs, the Chatham Business Association is helping to ensure prosperity, economic strength, and excellence of service in Chatham and across Chicago.

This year's event presents the special opportunity to come together and celebrate the hard work and accomplishments over the past year and acknowledge the indelible contributions of CBA over the past 46 years. Over the past year CBA has expanded to the West, Southwest, and Southern regions of the city, launched its first Alternative Energy business growth and development collaboration, and educated new and existing entrepreneurs on the importance and benefit of using renewable energy. I am proud to extend heartfelt thanks to Smokey Robinson, tonight's esteemed guest and sincere congratulations to all of those recognized tonight. I commend the Chatham Business Association for their continued work in creating and sustaining employment opportunities for the Chatham community and beyond.

I hope you have an enjoyable and memorable event and submit my best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

Mayor



**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.**

DANNY K. DAVIS
7TH DISTRICT - ILLINOIS



October 19, 2018

Melinda Kelly
Executive Director
Chatham Business Association
800 East 78th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60619

Dear Ms. Kelly:

Please extend my greetings and best wishes to all of the participants in the 2018 CBA, SBDI Annual Black Tie Gala Awards with Smokey Robinson which I understand will be held at The Geraghty Chicago, 2520 South Hoyne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on October 27, 2018. It sounds like an extraordinary evening.

Chatham Business Association continues to be a powerful and irreplaceable economic development engine for Chicago's South Side. Congratulations to all of this year's awardees. I trust the event will be a great success and will serve to recognize the achievements of your awardees and inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

Sincerely,

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Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress

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October 27, 2018

Ms. Melinda Kelly
Chairwoman and President
Chatham Business Association

Dear Ms. Kelly,

I write to congratulate the Chatham Business Organization on 46 years of invaluable and far-reaching community service. During that time, the CBA has provided social, political and economic growth within the community, and has created opportunities and programs that promote prosperity and economic strength in Chatham and its surrounding communities.

The CBA has exponentially expanded opportunities to countless businesses in Chicagoland communities through your City of Chicago Certification Program for business enterprises owned by minorities, women and people with disabilities.

I'd also like to congratulate you on your innovative FEJA Alternate Energy Training Program, supported by ComEd Exelon, which allows you to create and strengthen businesses on the South and West Side by teaching them how to grow their businesses in the alternative energy industry, as Illinois pivots to the new clean energy economy.

I wish the Association many years of continued success, and I look forward to future collaborations.

Sincerely,

Robin L. Kelly
Member of Congress

RLK/mp

WILLIAM Q. DAVIS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTIETH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS



October 27, 2018

*Melinda Kelly
Chairman/President
Chatham Business Association
QBG Building
800 East 78th Street
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Dear Ms. Kelly:

I write to congratulate the Chatham Business Association on achieving 48 years of service to the business community. An achievement such as this is an excellent reason to celebrate the economic growth, small business development, and employment opportunities in the city and beyond.

Your outstanding dedication and leadership as a top business resource warrants this special recognition. I am certain your efforts will continue to be a positive influence for business owners striving to be successful in today's economy.

Please accept my best wishes as we honor the Chatham Business Association's commitment to commerce and entrepreneurship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Q. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

*William Q. Davis
State Representative
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October 18, 2018

Ms. Melinda Kelly
Chairman/President
Chatham Business Association
800 E. 78th Street
Chicago, IL 60619

Dear Ms. Kelly:

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and congratulation to you and the Chatham Business Association for you Annual Awards Gala & 46 years of community service. Thank you for your dedication to investing, enhancing and driving economic growth and development within our community. This is such an amazing well deserved accomplishment, you have proven and established the discipline of what is necessary to become a successful business association.

Over the years, the CBA has been instrumental in enriching the business community from the expansion of small businesses, hosting employment workshops and job fairs to ensuring businesses are trained on the latest technology and marketing skills. With your success and commitment to community service and business empowerment, you have more than enhanced the economy with your contributions; your motivation is appreciated and hard work is valued.

I wish you all the very best and many more years of continued success.

Best Regards,

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Marcus C. Evans, Jr.
State Representative, 33rd

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CARRIE M. AUSTIN
ALDERMAN, 34TH WARD

October 19, 2018

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Melinda Kelly, Chair/President
Chatham Business Association
QBG Building
800 East 78th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60619

Dear Chair/President Kelly,

As the 34th Ward Alderman, City of Chicago, I bid warm congratulations to the Chatham Business Association (CBA) on its **"2018 Annual Awards Gala"**. Give praise, honor and thanksgiving to God who blesses you and CBA members to celebrate 46 years enhancing social, political, and economic growth within our community. It is your hard work, dedication and passion towards the job that enables you to achieve such a milestone.

Further, I want to thank and commend CBA Staff and Board Members for providing the small business resource center which offers an array of customized services and programs to help businesses grow and develop. Your expertise has allowed you to expand your service market citywide and throughout the State of Illinois. With your commitment and sincerity you have proven your worth time and time again and have gained the much deserved recognition and fame. I applaud you for a job well done!!

As an Honorary Member, I would like to recognize and congratulate all awardees for their leadership and commitment to community service. You have achieved tremendous growth and have built eminent goodwill in this great city.

Congratulations CBA!!! I salute you on your accomplishments and wish you the very best in your future endeavors. God bless you always!!

Sincerely,

Alderman Carrie M. Austin
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October 27, 2018

Dear Chatham Business Association: Congratulations to you on celebrating 46 years of community service. I am so grateful to have a Chicago Business Organization based in Chatham. CBA has committed to work within underserved communities on the West, Southwest and in the Southern regions of Chicago to help build and identify new and existing entrepreneurs understand and secure projects in renewable energy and energy efficiency. CBA uses unique tools intended to strategically remove obstacles that systematically prohibit businesses from successfully engaging in contract opportunities.

In celebrating this awesome milestone, I cannot help but remember the late Mr. William Garth, Sr. and the tremendous impact he made with the Association. He would be so proud of this momentous occasion.

Thank you for support of me as well as our community. Know that you are truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michelle A. Harris
Alderman, 8th Ward



ALDERMAN RODERICK T. SAWYER
6TH WARD

OCTOBER 20, 2018

Congratulations Chatham Business Association (“CBA”) on celebrating 46 years of community service at your Annual Awards Gala on Saturday, October 27, 2018. CBA is a Chicago Business Organization based in Chatham. CBA possesses unique tools intended to strategically remove obstacles that systematically prohibit businesses from successfully engaging in contract opportunities.

On behalf of the 6th Ward, I would like to honor you as a trailblazer in your community and say thank you for being such a good neighbor. You have been a pillar in the Chatham community for decades and I congratulate you on remaining committed to work within underserved communities on the West, Southwest and in the Southern regions of Chicago.

Congratulations on achieving this tremendous milestone, I am proud to have you as a neighbor and I wish you happiness and success on this day and beyond.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Roderick T. Sawyer
Alderman, 6th Ward



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Chatham Business Association
800 East 78th Street
Chicago, IL 60619

Greeting and Congratulations!

It is with great pleasure that I, Alderman David Moore, commend Chatham Business Association for 46 years of community service. I extend a warm welcome and enthusiastic congratulations to all present for this celebration.

CBA was founded in 1972 with a mission to promote political and economic stability in the Chatham Area and they have stayed true to this mission for all 46 years of their operation. Not only do they serve small businesses within the Chatham community, but they have grown to serve businesses throughout the City and the State.

I would also like to extend my personal thanks to CBA for working closely with me and my constituents to not only make Chatham a better place, but the entire 17th Ward. CBA has helped counsel projects within my Ward from conception to completion and I give my heartfelt thanks for the work they have done.

I, the Honorable David Moore, Alderman of the 17th Ward, does hereby take official recognition of Chatham Business Association for their devoted service and contributions to the Chatham Community and the City of Chicago as a whole for the past 46 years. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to our community.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

David Moore
Alderman, 17th Ward



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October 20, 2018

Melinda Kelly
Chair
Chatham Business Association
800 E. 48th St.
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Dear Melinda,

Congratulations on Chatham Business Association's (CBA) 46 successful years serving the community. From your modest roots starting with the Chatham neighborhood, CBA has grown into an economic powerhouse assisting businesses and residents throughout the City and State with their economic development needs.

I have worked with the Chatham Business Association on many occasions as Alderman of the 3rd Ward on numerous important small business development projects and can attest that the CBA is a welcome partner in the community. From business startup programs, networking opportunities, workforce development, business optimization programs and FEJA training, to marketing, MBE/DBE Certification and more, CBA's programs can always help the business community be their very best.

Again, I would like to thank the Chatham Business Association for their work supporting local businesses over the past 46 years. If my office partner with you on any upcoming projects, please don't hesitate to reach out anytime at 773-373-9273.

Sincerely,

Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward



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*Melinda Kelly, Chairperson
Chatham Business Association
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Melinda:

Congratulations on 46 years of service to the community!

As we prepare the future thinkers, innovators and entrepreneurs in our great city, we are thrilled about the continued support provided by the Chatham Business Association (CBA). As the Chair of the CBA, your advocacy on behalf of the residents and business owners of Chatham is admirable. We acknowledge and appreciate that the foundation of many individuals' success was built upon your hard work to establish a viable business association that enhances social, political and economic growth within the Chatham community.

I want to especially thank you for supporting our students who participate in the Chicago Builds program at Paul Laurence Dunbar Vocational High School, which provides 11th and 12th grade students with an off-campus construction training program so that they can pursue a profitable career in construction after graduation. Students who participate in Chicago Builds receive training in Carpentry, Electricity, Heating and Cooling (HVAC), Welding, and General Construction. Because of your support with internships and hands-on experiences, our students now have a brighter future and more opportunities for success.

On behalf of Chicago Public Schools, it is with great pride and admiration that we congratulate you on this exceptional service anniversary milestone. Today, we celebrate you and your contributions to Chatham and its neighboring communities, and we look forward with great optimism for many more years to come.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Jackson, Ed.D
Chief Executive Officer
Chicago Public Schools

Programme

6:00 - 7:00 VIP and General Reception

Welcome from Chatham Business Association Board of Directors Video

Introduction of Governor Bruce Rauner.....Bruce Liimatainen

Welcome and Opening Remarks.....Governor Bruce Rauner

Welcome.....Tarrah Cooper and Donovan Pepper, Gala Co-Chairs

Invocation.....Rev. Mildred C. Harris, God First Church and Ministries

Dinner

Remarks.....Alderman Michelle Harris, 8th Ward

Message from Mayor Rahm Emanuel

Introduction of Cook County Board President.....Alderman Roderick Sawyer, 6th Ward

Remarks.....Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle

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SMOKEY ROBINSON



Once pronounced by Bob Dylan as America's "greatest living poet," acclaimed singer-songwriter Smokey Robinson's career spans over 4 decades of hits. He has received numerous awards including the Grammy Living Legend Award, NARAS Lifetime Achievement Award, Honorary Doctorate (Howard University), Kennedy Center Honors and the National Medal of Arts Award from the President of the United States. He has also been inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters' Hall of Fame.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Robinson founded The Miracles while still in high school. The group was Berry Gordy's first vocal group, and it was at Robinson's suggestion that Gordy started the Motown Record dynasty. Their single of Robinson's "Shop Around" became Motown's first #1 hit on the R&B singles chart. In the years following, Robinson continued to pen hits for the group including "You've Really Got a Hold on Me," "Ooo Baby Baby," "The Tracks of My Tears," "Going to a Go-Go," "More Love," "Tears of a Clown" (co-written with Stevie Wonder), and "I Second That Emotion."

The Miracles dominated the R&B scene throughout the 1960's and early 70's and Robinson became Vice President of Motown Records serving as in-house producer, talent scout and songwriter.

In addition to writing hits for the Miracles, Robinson wrote and produced hits for other Motown greats including The Temptations, Mary Wells, Brenda Holloway, Marvin Gaye and others. "The Way You Do the Things You Do," "My Girl," "Get Ready," "You Beat Me to the Punch," "Don't Mess with Bill," "Ain't That Peculiar," and "My Guy" are just a few of his songwriting triumphs during those years.

John Lennon of The Beatles made countless remarks regarding Robinson's influence on his music. The Beatles had recorded Robinson and The Miracles' "You've Really Got A Hold On Me" in 1963 and in 1982 another popular British group, The Rolling Stones covered the Robinson and the Miracles' hit "Going To A Go-Go."

He later turned to a solo career where he continued his tradition of hitmaking with "Just to See Her," "Quiet Storm," "Cruisin'," and "Being with You," among others.

He remained Vice President of Motown records until the sale of the company, shaping the label's success with friend and mentor Berry Gordy. Following his tenure at Motown, he continued his impressive touring career and released several successful solo albums.

During the course of his 50-year career in music, Robinson has accumulated more than 4,000 songs to his credit and continues to thrill sold-out audiences around the world with his high tenor voice, impeccable timing, and profound sense of lyric. Never resting on his laurels, Smokey Robinson remains a beloved icon in our musical heritage.



Guest Speaker

THURMAN (“Tony”) SMITH
Senior Vice President
Community Development Market Manager

Tony Smith currently leads PNC Bank’s community development efforts in the Wisconsin-Illinois-St. Louis region. He has more than 30 years of banking experience, including three years as an Executive Vice President at ShoreBank and 15 years as an SVP with Bank of America. He also served as an Adjunct Professor in the business school at California State University – Northridge and, as a U. S. Marine, served as a member of the Presidential Helicopter Squadron (HMX-1).

Tony serves on the executive committee for Community Investment Corporation, the Board of Directors for Cook County Land Bank, Neighborhood Housing Services and Benefit Chicago. He serves on the Advisory Committees for the University of Chicago Community Programs Accelerator, DePaul University’s Institute for Housing Studies, the Cook County Economic and Development Committee, Ascendance Capital, the Network of Woodlawn’s Economic Development Board, City of Chicago Housing Plan Steering Committee and the 95th and Cottage Grove Community Development Committee.

He graduated with an MBA from the University of Southern California’s Graduate School of Management. He also holds a Liberal Arts Degree, graduating Summa Cum Laude, from Chicago State University and an Associate Degree with honors from Northern Virginia.

He has published several research papers covering CRA in the Trump White (published by the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies), Not-for-Profit Giving (published by the American Bar Association) gentrification (published by Academia) and Micro-Lending Issues (published by the Federal Reserve). His work has been featured at the IACAA, National Association of Geographers, the National Interagency Community Development Conference and Federal Reserve Bank in Detroit and Chicago.





Governmental Service Award

SHANNON E. ANDREWS
Chief Procurement Officer
City of Chicago
Department of Procurement Services

On June 20, 2018, Ms. Andrews was appointed Chief Procurement Officer for the City of Chicago by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and confirmed by Chicago City Council on July 25, 2018. In this new role, she is responsible for the purchase of approximately \$2 billion in goods and services on behalf of City user departments and manages all legal, legislative, procedural and policy matters regarding procurement, certification and compliance issues for the City of Chicago.

Prior to this role, she served as Chief Procurement Officer for Cook County. Ms. Andrews was responsible for the procurement of goods and services for over 30 Using Agencies, including Cook County Separately Elected Officials. In her role as the Chief Procurement Officer, she provided oversight to the Cook County procurement process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. In addition, she created an annual buying forecast for Cook County to assist in strategic sourcing aligned with the President's mission to enhance transparency and increase County efficiencies. In addition, Ms. Andrews also implemented strategies to streamline, standardize and improve procurement cycle times by more than 30 percent. Ms. Andrews was also responsible for leading efforts to strengthen opportunities for local and small businesses; creating workshops to provide tools and resources to vendors interested in doing business with Cook County and establishing and enhancing incentive and earned credit programs to support local vendors. She also served as the Director of Cook County Contract Compliance, where she managed certification of minority and women-owned firms and compliance efforts related to County contracts.

Before joining Cook County Government in October 2012 as the Director of Contract Compliance, Ms. Andrews served as Deputy Procurement Officer for the City of Chicago Department of Procurement Services. While there, she was a key senior leader on the executive team for the department. She played a strategic role in departmental decisions for legal, legislative, procedural and policy matters regarding procurement, certification and compliance issues. In addition to her role with the City, Ms. Andrews is a member of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) and the Illinois Association of Public Procurement Officials. She is also a current member of the American Contract Compliance Association (ACCA) and an officer with the Chicago Alpha Gamma Pi Public Service Sorority.

Ms. Andrews is a native of South Carolina and a graduate of Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia.



Governmental Business Thought Leader Award

Jamie L. Rhee

Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) Commissioner

Jamie Rhee manages one of the world's busiest airport systems, comprised of O'Hare and Midway International Airports, which serves more than 100 million passengers each year and propels Chicago as a global leader for air cargo activity. Chicago's airports are also among the most connected in the world, serving more than 260 locations via 50 different commercial carriers to 46 countries worldwide.

Rhee has a long history of mastering complex issues in aviation as well as municipal government. Rhee began her career with the City of Chicago, and has worked for nearly 24 years in various roles, most recently as the Chief Procurement Officer. In this role, Rhee oversaw purchasing of \$2 billion in goods and services for dozens of user departments of the City of Chicago, including the CDA; and the certification of thousands of minority-owned, women-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprises, including the Airport Concessionaire Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) program. Under Rhee's leadership, Chicago's procurement reform efforts have received national and international recognition, and Rhee has been recognized with a dozen awards from industry organizations for her contributions to public service.

Rhee previously served in various roles at the CDA. From 2004-2008, she served as the General Counsel for the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), where she handled all legal matters for the multi-billion dollar program, including all federal and state litigation as well as legal strategy with the Chicago Corporation Counsel, Department of Justice and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); oversaw the successful completion of the FAA's Environmental Impact Statement process and managed the legal process and procurement for all contracts, including commissioning the OMP's first runway project ahead of schedule and under budget.

She also played key roles in previous administrations, having served as a Deputy Chief of Staff to the Mayor; and in various roles at the Departments of Law and Planning and Development.

Rhee has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctorate degree from DePaul University School of Law.

Business Community Transformation Catalyst Award



Nosa Ehimwenman, MBA

President & CEO

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Biography

Hard work and discipline are not unfamiliar to Nosa. Born in Nigeria, and moving here at the age of 6, he watched his dad create a life for him and his family with not much. It was during his childhood that Nosa realized, early, nothing was going to come easy and that he would have to work for the life that he wanted – just as his father did.

Nosa's father first stepped on American soil in 1988. He started his career in the United States as a cab driver, and worked hard to break through into Real Estate to progress his aspirations. Nosa recognized this effort, took heed from his father to work for something greater than yourself. In his early years, Nosa served as a laborer working several on residential properties in the city of Chicago, gaining a life-long passion for construction and a focused work ethic.

Nosa was an All-American athlete beginning from 6th grade to his time in college. As an All-State and All-American athlete, Nosa committed time to his athletic talents for competition events. That same level of commitment easily transferred to his pursuits in Construction. Currently, Nosa still holds multiple school records in track and field. His successes on the track resulted in him being nationally recruited by top ranking colleges.

Nosa accepted a full athletic scholarship to The Ohio State University where he was later deemed a Big Ten Champion and an Olympic qualifier in the triple jump. At The Ohio State University, Nosa decided to focus his educational pursuit in Construction Systems Management with a minor in City and Regional Planning in the Knowlton School of Architecture.

Upon graduating, Nosa accepted a full-time position working at Gilbane Building Company where he quickly worked his way up the professional ladder. He then advanced his education receiving a Master of Business Administration from Purdue University. Nosa soared above his peers by becoming a Project Managers at the corporation. Because of Nosa's high-powered drive and motivation, he became one of the youngest Project Managers at the company.

After serving 10 years at Gilbane Building Company, Nosa decided to forge his own path in the construction industry by starting Bowa Construction, a Division of The Bowa Group. A deeper understanding of his family's history in construction was the inspiration for the mission of Bowa Construction, a division of The Bowa Group. The mission, "Creating Tomorrows Diverse Future One Building At A Time", is his commitment to providing opportunities that impact the future the way his great ancestors did over 500 years ago.

Throughout his career, Nosa has managed multi-million dollar projects in K-12 Education, Mission Critical, Higher Education, Retail, Healthcare, High-End Residential, and Financial Institutions. It is with that knowledge and experience that Nosa has been able to lead Bowa in having 300% growth over past three years, being the only minority General Contractor to complete a concession renovation project at O'Hare International Airport, and landing such iconic projects as the UC Medicine South Side trauma center and interior renovations for the Alpha Kappa Alpha National headquarters office.

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On behalf of the Chicago Urban League, I am pleased to extend congratulations to the Chatham Business Association for its 46 years of community service. CBA's commitment to promoting businesses in Chatham and other communities across Chicago provides much needed support for advancing economic stability in underserved neighborhoods.

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Over more than four and a half decades, CBA has honed its expertise in small business growth and development to serve entrepreneurs who might not otherwise have access to critical business resources. Importantly, CBA is a ready collaborator in efforts to remove obstacles that systematically prohibit businesses from successfully engaging in contract opportunities. I applaud the organization for your steadfastness in this work.

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I also want to congratulate you on the recent launch of CBA's first Alternative Energy business growth and development cohort. Through your program, entrepreneurs—particularly those from Chicago's under-resourced minority communities—will gain an avenue for better understanding and securing projects in renewable energy and energy efficiency. The Chicago Urban League shares CBA's passion and commitment to building stronger, more sustainable communities for our city, and I believe this program will contribute to that goal.

Again, congratulations on 46 years! I wish you much success with your 2018 awards gala.

Yours in the Movement,

Barbara A. Lumpkin
Interim President and CEO



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To The Chatham Business Association:

On behalf of the Chairman and the Board of The Austin African American Business Networking Association, we are writing this letter to Congratulate Melinda Kelly and the entire Board of Directors of The Chatham Business Association.

Your advocacy work on behalf of businesses and vitality of the community and beyond has been a pillar of hope.

The CBA has worked tirelessly to navigate through local, state, and federal governments to bridge the divide between the sustainability of small businesses and big businesses. AAABNA has had the opportunity to work alongside Ms. Kelly to make sure that fairness, opportunity and resources are not overlooked or forgotten.

The leadership, integrity, excellence, tenacity and genuine passion for The CBA Community is a great reflection of who Ms. Kelly is professionally and personally.

Having The Chatham Business Association in the trenches advocating for African American Businesses is a win for everyone.

Hats off to The CBA and Ms. Kelly for a job well done.

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Sincerely,

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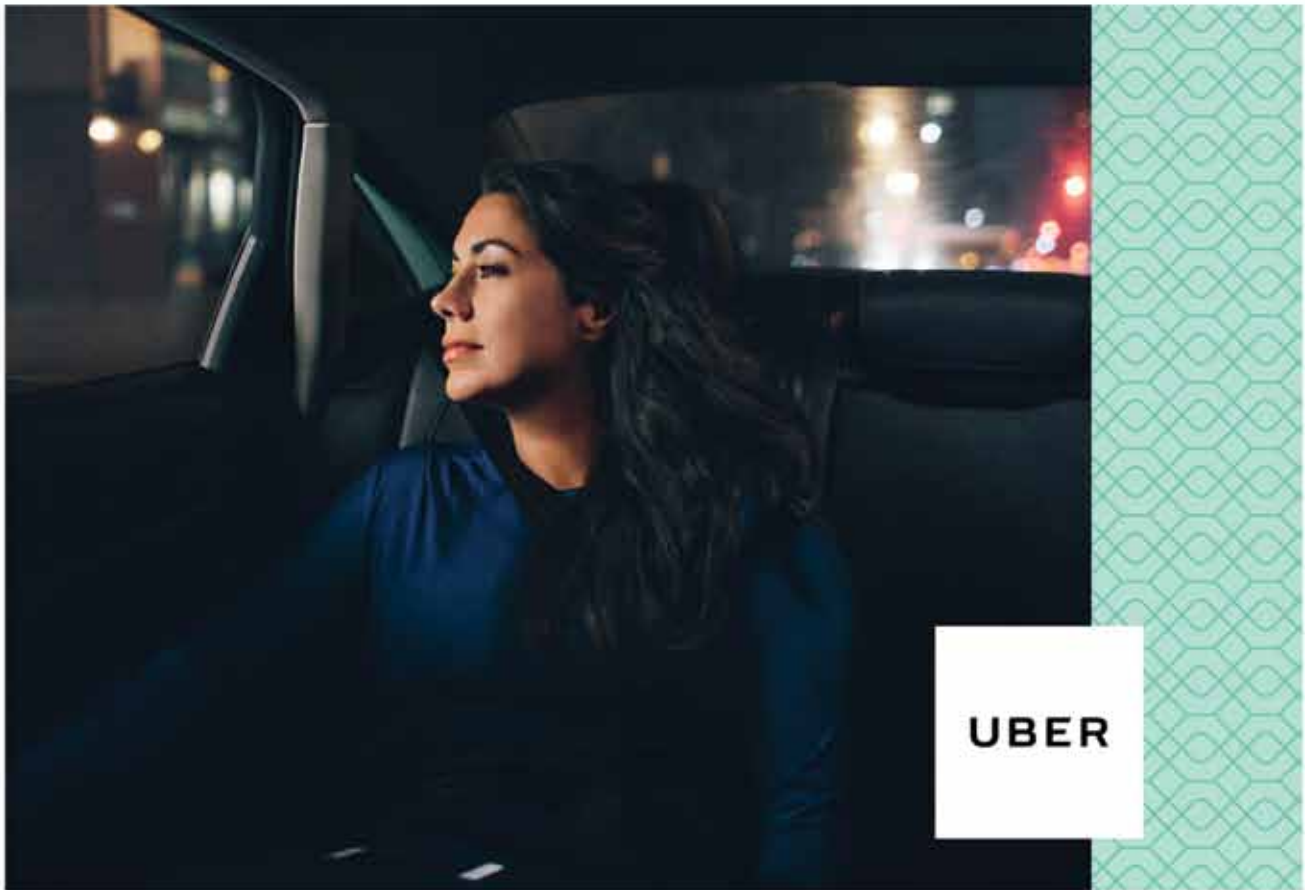
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