



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

October 25, 2013

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to appoint Brenna Berman to succeed former Chief Technology Officer John Tolva as the City of Chicago's representative on the Smart Chicago Advisory Committee.

As the City's Chief Information Officer and the Commissioner of the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT), Brenna leads the City's efforts to leverage data and technology to ensure that our government provides more innovative and effective services for our residents. In a little over a year, Brenna has not only focused on transforming the team at DoIT to align with my commitment to an open and data-driven government but also played an integral role in building Chicago's open data program into one of the largest in the country. In addition, she has taken on the tasks of implementing the ground-breaking "WindyGrid" spatial analytics platform into every level of government, integrating advanced analytics and real-time data-driven decision making across the city, and setting a new standard for government IT.

The City is a proud partner of the Smart Chicago Collaborative, which plays a crucial role in Chicago's growing technology sector and remains central to the execution of the City Tech Plan. With the help of the City, Chicago Community Trust, and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Smart Chicago Collaborative is working to improve the lives of Chicagoans through technology by expanding access to the Internet, providing Chicagoans with the tools necessary to use the Internet, and leveraging data to make new applications and accelerate open source development.

Brenna Berman's appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Mayor