RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, public services provided by and through the City of Chicago play a vital role in the quality of the economic, social and cultural life of the City; and

WHEREAS, the public interest is best served by the effective, fair and efficient provision of such services upon which the City’s residents, businesses, and visitors rely; and

WHEREAS, the privatization of public services potentially has significant consequences upon the City’s residents, businesses, and visitors both as consumers of those services and as taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the flawed privatization of the City’s parking meters in 2009 underscores the need for transparent economic analysis, and an open and informed public discussion of the consequences of any proposal to transfer the provision of public services or ownership of public assets to private entities; and

WHEREAS, in response to these issues, members of the Chicago City Council have introduced the “Privatization, Transparency and Accountability Ordinance,” which would amend the City of Chicago’s Municipal Code to ensure the receipt of high-quality public services with due regard for the cost to taxpayers and effects upon the public and private sector workers who would provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the “Privatization, Transparency and Accountability Ordinance” has been held in committee without a hearing since November 2012, despite its sponsorship by thirty-two Aldermen; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Union League Club of Chicago calls upon Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago City Council to conduct a full and fair hearing of the “Privatization, Transparency and Accountability Ordinance” without further delay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Mayor Emanuel, to each member of the Chicago City Council, and to all appropriate civic organizations concerned with this matter.

Adopted September 28, 2013 by the Board of Directors.

Guy N. Maras
President

Barry R. Cesafsky
Secretary