

SUBSTITUTE ORDER

WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a landmark piece of legislation that protects the civil rights of people with disabilities that passed in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Title II of the ADA prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in all programs, activities, and services of public entities; and

WHEREAS, Title II of the ADA requires any public entity with more than 50 employees to create an ADA transition plan for both public facilities and the public right of way; and

WHEREAS, ADA transition plans must include designation of the official(s) responsible for implementation of the plan, an inventory of barriers to access of the public way, a schedule of when barriers will be eliminated, a description of methods that will be used to make facilities accessible, and opportunities for community members and advocates to participate in the development of the transition plan; and

WHEREAS, Per the ADA, governments with 50 or more employees were required to develop a transition plan by July 26, 1992; and

WHEREAS, Organizations like the Great Lakes ADA Center and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning offer technical assistance for the creation of ADA transition plans; and,

WHEREAS, identifying barriers in the public right of way and a plan for eliminating them is essential to ensuring the City of Chicago is accessible to all; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That the City of Chicago develop an ADA transition plan with the participation of all relevant departments, including but not limited to the Mayor's Office, The Chicago Department of Transportation, and The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, in accordance with the requirements of the ADA; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That relevant City Departments report to the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety or a Joint Committee of The Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety and any other committee relevant to the progress on the transition plan every 6 months until the publication of the ADA transition plan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel P. La Spata". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'L'.

Daniel La Spata
Alderman, 1st Ward