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**MAYOR LORI E. LIGHTFOOT**

November 18, 2019

Dear Sustainability Leader:

This letter expresses my support for One Earth Film Festival, the Midwest's premier environmental film festival, which presents its 9th season March 6-15, 2020.

One Earth Film Festival combines art and community engagement for social and environmental change, drawing on the power of film and a robust programming model that fosters partnerships with hundreds of local organizations, institutions, businesses and municipalities.

In 2020, One Earth Film Festival will collaborate with more than 200 partners and sponsors, and more than 400 volunteers across the city and suburbs. The only event of its kind and scope in the region, One Earth Film Fest has reached almost 30,000 attendees since it launched in 2012. During 2019, viewers came from more than 200 ZIP codes and six states.

The Festival includes screenings in every corner of Chicago — from Hyde Park to Garfield Park, from Englewood to Uptown, from West Loop to South Shore — as well as in neighboring Lake, DuPage, and Kane Counties, and Whiting, Ind.

Through its 2020 program, One Earth Film Festival will again demonstrate its commitment to all seven topic areas in the city's Sustainable Chicago plan — and to community equity and resilience in the context of our urgent climate challenges.

One Earth Film Festival is a leader in bringing citizens, filmmakers and local advocacy groups together in community — in dialogue as well as in action — around multiple sustainability topics to enact concrete and measurable change. It is in this spirit of mutual interest and cooperation that the City of Chicago expresses continued support for One Earth Film Festival.

Sincerely,

Cara Bader  
Chief Sustainability Officer