



OFFICE OF MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL  
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Greetings, Sustainability Leader:

It's again a pleasure to voice support for the One Earth Film Festival as it prepares for its seventh year of bringing Chicago-area audiences the best in environmentally themed films and programs March 2-11, 2018.

Combining the arts and community engagement for social and environmental change, One Earth Film Festival combines the power of film and its unique programming model to raise awareness about sustainability challenges and solutions. It also provides attendees with concrete pathways for taking action through local, regional, and national environmental advocacy groups.

The only event of its kind and scope in the region, One Earth Film Festival has reached more than 15,500 attendees since its launch in 2012. During its 2017 event, people from 231 ZIP codes and nine states attended more than three dozen screenings. Additionally, One Earth Film Festival enacts its mission, "Moving Planet, Moving People," through increased awareness of sustainability, climate change and the power of people by collaborating with more than 200 partners and sponsors and over 300 volunteers.

One Earth Film Festival partners with organizations, institutions, businesses and municipalities throughout Chicagoland — from Lincoln Park to Garfield Park, from Englewood to Uptown, from Pilsen to Pullman — as well as in neighboring Lake, DuPage and Kane Counties.

The Festival demonstrates a strong commitment to all seven topic areas in the Sustainable Chicago plan. I expect its 2018 programming to continue that tradition.

As the Midwest's premier environment film festival, One Earth leads in bringing citizens, filmmakers and local advocacy groups together — in dialogue and action — around a multitude of sustainability topics, with a powerful purpose: inspiring concrete action and measurable change for the planet. Because of that, the City of Chicago is pleased once again to express its continued support and to partner with the One Earth Film Festival.

Sincerely,

Chris Wheat  
Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Chicago