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Meena Beyers Announced as Metropolitan Planning Council Board Vice Chair



CHICAGO - Metropolitan Planning Council is pleased to announce that Meena Beyers is the organization's new Board Vice Chair. Meena joined the MPC Board in 2022 and served on the Executive Committee. As a leader in the energy and sustainability field, Meena brings more than twenty years of public and private sector experience to her roles. Meena is Vice President of Business and Community Development for Nicor Gas, where she leads growth, customer solutions, energy efficiency, economic development, external community affairs, as well as innovation and partnership strategies.

In addition to serving on the MPC Board, Meena serves on the boards of Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity and the Women's Energy Summit. She is also on the Executive Advisory Council for Intersect Illinois. Meena was recognized as a 2023 Crain's Chicago Business Notable Leader in Sustainability and 2024 Woman of Power by the Quad County Urban League. She earned a bachelor's degree in urban planning and development from Ball State University and a master's degree in public service management from DePaul University.

"I'm honored to take on this new role within the MPC Board. MPC's intersectional approach to economic, environmental, social, and political challenges is one of the aspects of the organization that inspires and excites me. I'm looking forward to supporting in new ways, especially as MPC embarks on its next chapter with Dan as President & CEO," said Beyers.



“I am excited to continue working with Meena as we build on MPC's strong foundation and find new ways to drive policy innovation in Chicago and the region. Meena's strategic acumen, her deep network of dynamic business and community leaders, and her experience building effective collaborations in Chicago and in a range of suburban communities will help MPC reach even greater,” said MPC President and CEO Dan Lurie.

“I also want to note that Meena will build on the strong foundation and successes of her predecessor, Melissa Washington. I deeply appreciate Melissa's steadfast support and commitment to MPC over the years, and her support for me during my transition as CEO. Melissa helped MPC navigate unprecedented leadership transitions, foster new partnerships, and reimagine our vision,” Lurie said.

ABOUT MPC:

Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) is an independent planning and policy organization working to address regional built environment issues through a racial and economic justice lens. MPC partners with communities, businesses, and government to advance policy and drive systemic change toward a racially equitable and economically just Chicago region.

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