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Rahm Emanuel  
Mayor  
City of Chicago  
121 N. LaSalle, Suite 500  
Chicago, IL 60602

**Re: Significant Activity Report**

Mayor Emanuel:

This letter is to inform you that, on September 10, 2015, former City of Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) clerk Antionette Chenier was sentenced by Hon. Samuel Der-Yeghiayan of the Northern District of Illinois to 30 months' imprisonment and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$ 741,299 to the City and \$154,826 to the IRS. On April 14, 2015, Chenier pled guilty to federal criminal charges of embezzlement, in violation of 18 U.S.C § 666(a)(1), and tax evasion, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7201, in connection with her theft of over \$740,000 from the City of Chicago.

Chenier worked for the City from 1990 until 2014. For the majority of this time, Chenier was assigned to CDOT's City Hall permitting office, where she processed moving van and dumpster permit fees. The joint investigation of the Chicago Office of Inspector General working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service established that between August 2008 and January 10, 2014, Chenier deposited approximately \$741,299 in checks belonging to the City of Chicago into personal checking and business accounts she controlled at Charter One Bank.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me or Rachel Leven, Public Communications Coordinator, at (773) 478-0534.

Respectfully,

Joseph M. Ferguson  
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