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August 12, 2008

Marina City Resident 300 North State Street Chicago, IL 60654

Re: Marina City Landmark Designation Update

Dear Resident of Marina City:

As you may know, I have spent a significant amount of time and effort exploring the possibility of assigning City of Chicago Landmark designation for Marina City, architect Bertrand Goldberg's world-renowned 1959 vision for an innovative and intriguing mixed-use urban complex. I am very pleased to report that I am officially initiating the formal city landmark designation process in order to protect Marina City's architectural integrity for the future and to secure its well-deserved status as an official Chicago Landmark.

In correspondence from May 2008, I requested input from the residents of Marina City regarding the possibility of landmark designation. I am pleased that the condominium owners and building residents overwhelmingly concur that this acclaimed complex is worthy of formal recognition and protection through Chicago Landmark designation.

As Marina City continues to flourish as a dynamic urban center, official landmark designation will ensure that all stakeholders in the Marina City complex will be held to a common standard that will protect the architectural integrity of the complex and benefit the entire community. I have been informed that conferring landmark designation will have no demonstrable impact on residential property owners or residents of Marina City.

If you have not done so already, please feel free to share any additional comments or questions you may have about proceeding with landmark designation of your building. I very much look forward to working with you, your neighbors and the City of Chicago to ensure the preservation of this future landmark for many generations to come.

Sincerely,

Brendan Reilly Alderman, 42nd Ward