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URBAN AND ECONOMIC POLICY LEADER ERIKA POETHIG JOINS CIVIC COMMITTEE

Chicago, IL - Erika Poethig has joined the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago as Executive Vice President for Strategy and Planning to help drive the organization's regional planning and economic development activities alongside its senior leadership and affiliated organizations.

"Erika's vast experience and insight on urban and civic issues will be a tremendous asset to our team," said Derek Douglas, President of the Civic Committee and Commercial Club of Chicago. "She understands the entire policy landscape from Washington to City Hall, as well as the very practical challenges that we need to confront and the unique opportunities that we need to leverage to ensure Chicago is a great place to live, work, and do business."

"Having begun my career with the Civic Committee and Commercial Club, this is very much like coming home for me," said Poethig. "I am thrilled by the opportunity to work on these issues in a city I know so well and love even more."

Poethig previously worked for the Civic Committee on its long-term regional plan, Chicago Metropolis 2020, before joining the administration of Richard M. Daley in the Chicago Department of Housing, where she led efforts to combat predatory lending, prevent foreclosures, and support affordable housing.

An accomplished public policy professional, Poethig most recently served as Special Assistant to the President for Housing and Urban Policy at the White House Domestic Policy Council, where she led policy development processes and advanced results-oriented action plans to ensure federal investments resulted in more equitable development, expanded access to capital and critical resources, and improved housing affordability and access.

She also served as a senior policy leader in the Obama Administration, where she championed rigorous policy reform to enact more equitable policies in cities facing economic distress and to increase housing affordability and access across the U.S. She also served in leadership positions for the nation's leading think tanks and foundations,

including the Urban Institute and the MacArthur Foundation. In these roles, Poethig developed and executed major strategic plans and investment strategies.

Poethig holds a master's degree in public policy with honors from the Harris School at the University of Chicago, a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Vienna, and a bachelor's degree in political science from The College of Wooster. She was elected to the National Academy of Public Administration in 2018.

Poethig assumed the role on July 31st.

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About the Commercial Club of Chicago

Founded in 1877, the Commercial Club of Chicago is a membership organization of senior leaders in the region, who represent the business, education, cultural, and philanthropic sectors and are committed to the idea that cooperation and an open exchange of ideas are fundamental to success. As a leader behind initiatives in the areas of economic development, fiscal policy, business climate, transportation infrastructure, educational reform, and technology, the Commercial Club of Chicago and our affiliated organizations have played a key role in making Chicago the world-class city it is today. Our work spans the economic and social issues facing the Chicago region. At our nine annual lunches, we bring together business, government, and civic leaders to catalyze robust conversation about the key issues of the day. Our work continues through our affiliated organizations: the Civic Committee, Civic Consulting Alliance, Kids First Chicago, and P33.

About the Civic Committee

Founded in 1983 by the Commercial Club of Chicago, the Civic Committee is comprised of the senior executives of the Chicago region's leading private employers. Its mission is to make our region a better place for everyone to live, work, and do business. The Civic Committee establishes task forces and committees to undertake studies, develop recommendations, and work to address key policy issues confronting the Chicago region.