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Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Expands Advocacy Team on City and State Level

Highly respected contract lobbyists bolster advocacy for Chamber members

CHICAGO – The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce has bolstered its government relations and advocacy team to include a series of well-respected contract lobbyists on the city and state level to advocate on behalf of its members' priorities.

Earlier this year, the Chamber hired former State Senate Republican Leader Matt Murphy to lobby the legislature and the Rauner Administration. Murphy was a member of State Senate leadership and a point person on countless economic and budget issues during his time in the General Assembly. Murphy serves as the senior government affairs director for Mac Strategies Group, a strategic communications, public affairs and lobbying firm with offices in Chicago and Springfield.

Recently, the Chamber hired two veteran lobbyists of City Hall and Cook County to help bolster the organization's presence. Mary Kay Minaghan and John Doerrer have both been tapped to lobby City Hall, Cook County, and its respective agencies on behalf of the Chamber. Mary Kay is the president of MKM Services, which specializes in legislative solutions for associations and businesses. Additionally, she served as the Executive Director of the Federation of Women Contractors as well as the Director of Government Affairs for the Chicago Association of Realtors. John is the president of Kaizen Inc. and has over 30 years' experience dealing with complicated city governmental and labor related issues. He also worked as a member of senior staff to Mayor Daley's office assigned to the areas of inter-governmental relations and labor affairs.

"We are excited to have a strong team of contract lobbyists on both the city and state level who can assist the Chamber and its members in advocating our issues across government. Mary Kay and John have extensive knowledge and understanding of City Hall and Cook County and their advocacy on our issues will help remind folks the challenges and needs of business in Chicagoland. On the state level, we are fortunate to have one of the most well respected former lawmakers and a long-time champion of business in former Senator Matt Murphy advocating on our issues all year. As a world-class city, Chicago has much to offer employers looking to both establish and grow their business, and the Chamber continues to make important strides to ensure it is a place they can thrive," said **Michael L. Reeve, acting president & CEO, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce.**

About the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce represents over 1,000 member companies, their 400,000 employees, and over \$24 billion in revenue. We combine the power of our membership with our legacy of leadership and business advocacy to drive a dynamic economy. We focus on delivering value for our members, making Chicagoland a world-class place to live and work. Visit ChicagolandChamber.org.

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