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## **Chicago Firefighters endorse Chico for mayor**

(CHICAGO) Mayoral candidate Gery Chico was endorsed today by Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2. Standing with Chico at a union hall on the southwest side, Chicago Firefighters Union President Tom Ryan said Chico's proven track record of delivering city services and balancing city budgets make him the best candidate to be the next mayor.

"After examining the entire roster of candidates and their respective track records, we determined that nobody in this race has the relevant experience of delivering essential city services that Gery Chico possesses," said Tom Ryan, president of Chicago Firefighters Local 2. "Gery is a strong, capable leader who understands the critical work that Chicago's firefighters perform. We are confident he will be a fair mayor and he will be a mayor who puts the safety of Chicagoans first."

Chico has made public safety a top priority as a candidate for mayor. As mayoral chief of staff, Chico worked to ensure Chicago's firefighters had a strong voice at City Hall. Chico is the only candidate with executive leadership experience in various municipal governments, having balanced more than 15 budgets during his public service career.

"Chicago has the best fire department in the United States of America. I am humbled to receive the support of the heroes who put their lives on the line to protect Chicagoans every single day. Our firefighters personify what public service should be about – hard work and helping people," Gery Chico said. "As mayor, I will work with our firefighters to ensure Chicago is safe and our citizens are protected."

Firefighters Union Local 2 represents more than 5,000 active members. Chico has also been endorsed by several other public safety groups such as the Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge 7, the Latin American Police Association, the Mexican American Police Organization, and the Chicago Police Sergeants Association.

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