



BLACK HEROES MATTER - DUSABLE MATTERS POWERED BY



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Mayor Lori Elaine Lightfoot
Mayor City of Chicago, C/O. Ms. Martina Hone – Chief Engagement Officer
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Dear Mayor Lightfoot:

On behalf of Martin's International and the Black Heroes Matter coalition, we sincerely thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to discuss our issues intended to correct the wrongs to Chicago's Founder father, Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable.

You were like a family member in the room. Your engagement showing compassion to our cause, was sincere, and heartfelt. Knowing the stressfulness of the duty of your office as the mayor of this major city, added to the worst Pandemic in 100 years, with all the necessary and unnecessary issues confronting you; yet you still stand! You Govern with grace, class, and dignity. Our Black Heroes Matter (BHM) has no choice but to pray a daily prayer for you, your family, and your administration now and going forward.

Following our productive meeting, we want to work with you to achieve a common goal for this great City in a timely manner as earlier outlined but need the necessary resources and greenlights. If you can give us your Budget manager who would know the cost to the city for allowing one paid day off during the week as opposed to a Saturday, it would be appreciated.

For the success of both parties, we need your help to push the Transportation Committee Chairman for a January 2021 vote to re-name the outer Lake Shore Drive from Hollywood and Lake Shore Drive to 67th Street and Lake Shore Drive as Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable Drive. This will show Chicago leading the way on the road to end systemic racism and will be one of the biggest national news in the first month of year, 2021. It would be like to another landslide victory (almost).

Mayor Lightfoot, in partnership with BHM, we will continue to work hard to keep the positive successes **alive in** Chicago, under your watch. We will keep up with our timelines so by the summer of 2022, Chicago will have a city holiday and a major Monument to welcome visitors to the heart of the city. The accomplishments that no mayor or city council were able to achieve in more than one hundred years, will be etched in stone under your name. .

It will be recorded in History that it took, the first Black and Gay Woman Mayor Lori Lightfoot to trample Systemic Racism by giving the Black Founding father of Chicago, Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable his due respect after 241 years.

Please see the attached information on the Street, Monument and Holiday. We look forward to further continuing our dialog in the New Year. Happy Holiday. I can be reached at 312/719-6181 or email, ephraimmartin@gmail.com

Respectfully,

Ephraim Martin – Black Heroes Matter- Chair, Martin's International Foundation- President
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