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CHICAGO BUILDING CONGRESS

Presents:

**MICHAEL R.
MERCHANT**

*Commissioner,
City of Chicago
Department of
Buildings*



Wednesday, February 15, 2012
11:30 a.m. Registration — 12:00 Noon Luncheon

The Union League Club
65 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

Join us for lunch on February 15th, for a lively and informative presentation by Michael R. Merchant, the new City of Chicago Commissioner of the Department of Buildings.

Appointed Commissioner of the Department of Buildings by Mayor Rahm Emanuel on May 16, 2011, Mr. Merchant, a member of the Illinois Bar, was serving under Mayor Richard M. Daley as Deputy Director in the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, where he was responsible for advancing the Mayor's City Council legislative agenda.

This was Mr. Merchant's second stint in this position. In between, he worked as a Director in the Chicago Public Schools Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, where he lobbied on behalf of the CPS concerning various matters related to local, State and Federal issues, including legislative, policy, and financial concerns. He also counseled the CEO concerning government issues, while managing internal CPS employees and external contract lobbyists.

Merchant has a long history in public service and legal affairs. He worked as an Assistant Public Defender, as well as a contract attorney for the legal services firm Special Council. He also was employed by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, investigating housing discrimination complaints based on the Fair Housing Act.

Michael spent several years with the U.S. Peace Corps, conducting speaking engagements for minority recruitment and assisting with a Basic Education Program in Namibia, Africa.

His career started as a teacher at Columbus Merriville, in the Chicago Public School System, as a mathematics teacher to students who were wards of the State of Illinois.

Michael was admitted to the Illinois Bar in November, 2003 and holds a Juris Doctor from DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, and a Bachelor's of Science in General Science from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia.

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