

“LET’S DO IT ONCE MORE, OCTOBER FOUR”

Walking the Harold Washington Trail for Voter Registration on October 4, 2014

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The Mayor Harold Washington Legacy Committee

The Mayor Harold Washington Legacy Committee (MHWLC) is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization that was founded in 2013 as an educational and civic engagement entity. The Committee is dedicated to preserving the integrity and authenticity of the message of former Chicago Mayor Harold Washington and highlighting how it is being leveraged today.

We accomplish our mission by sponsoring and becoming involved in a variety of activities and events. Through them, we attempt to help define Harold Washington’s legacy and we live it out by harnessing the power of legacy to foster civic engagement and contribute to creating a more informed electorate. We also promote and support efforts to honor and memorialize Harold Washington.

Our current project is a voter registration drive consisting of a walk that culminates with a rally. To facilitate voter registration stations will be set up along the walk route.

We hope to generate community interest by connecting our event to the historic 1982 “Come Alive October 5” Voter Registration Drive that launched Harold Washington’s Mayoral campaign. That drive produced over 200,000 new registered voters. Our theme is “LET’S DO IT ONCE MORE ON OCTOBER FOUR.”

This initiative is prompted by our concern that voter registration currently is at an all-time low—especially among young people. We would be honored to have you join us and support the Mayor Harold Washington Legacy Committee on October 4, 2014 to **Walk the Harold Washington Trail for Voter Registration**.

Participants will assemble at 9:30 am at 1700 E. Hyde Pk. Blvd. The walk will begin at 11:00 am and end with a spirited rally at Bethel AME Church (4440 South Michigan Avenue). It will be a 6k (3.6 mi) commemorative walk through the neighborhoods that Harold Washington called home; passing sites that are identified with Mayor Washington and were important to his political and personal life. Signs will be posted at those sites explaining their historical significance.

We invite other organizations to join us and to recruit and sponsor walkers to participate in the October 4 activities. Participants (walkers, organizations, civic leaders/politicians, churches, etc) are welcomed to carry signs and placards identifying themselves, subject to the approval of the committee to ensure compliance with our 501(c)(3) status.

For more information, please visit the Organization website at: <http://www.mhwlc.com/>
To register for the walk, go to <http://HaroldWashingtonWalk.eventbrite.com>