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**THE CHICAGO REGION'S MAYORS ELECT
ROMEOVILLE MAYOR JOHN NOAK AS THEIR NEXT CHAIR**

Chicago, Illinois — The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has announced that John D. Noak, Mayor of the Village of Romeoville, has been unanimously elected as the next Chair of its Executive Board.

The Caucus is a regional coalition representing 275 cities, towns, and villages across northeastern Illinois, working collaboratively on public policy issues that impact the entire region.

Mayor Noak brings a tremendous wealth of experience to his new role, having previously served as the organization's 2nd Vice Chair and Secretary. The Mayor additionally serves as the President of the Will County Governmental League and as a board member of both the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and Pace.

Joining Mayor Noak as the 2025–2026 officers of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus are:

- Mayor Brandon Johnson, City of Chicago – *1st Vice Chair*
- Mayor Donald “Donny” Schmit Jr., Village of Fox Lake – *2nd Vice Chair*
- Mayor Richard P. Reinbold, Village of Richton Park – *Secretary*
- Mayor Mark R. Kownick, Village of Cary – *Treasurer*
- Mayor Nancy R. Rotering, City of Highland Park – *Immediate Past Chair*

“Mayor Noak and each of the officers will provide wonderful leadership to the Mayors Caucus,” said Neil James, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. “They all have extensive local government experience, a passion for the work, and a strong network of relationships not only in our region but throughout the entire state.”

Founded in 1997, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus fosters regional cooperation by transcending geographical boundaries and local interests. Its mission is to develop consensus on key public policy issues that enhance the quality of life for more than nine million residents across northeastern Illinois.

“The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus continues to be the leading voice of all two hundred and seventy-five municipalities in the Chicagoland region,” said Mayor Noak. “While each member community has its own unique characteristics, we work together as one organization to advance important regional initiatives and advocate for local governments.”

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The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus brings together Mayors and Village and Town Presidents of the Chicago region to work on issues of regional significance through the City of Chicago, Du Page Mayors and Managers Conference, Lake County Municipal League, McHenry County Council of Governments, Metro West Council of Governments, Northwest Municipal Conference, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, Southwest Conference of Mayors, West Central Municipal Conference and Will County Governmental League. Combined, they represent 275 municipalities and a population of over 9 million residents.