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LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

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V. Rev. Darko Spasojevic, Ph.D  
Cathedral Dean  
Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral  
5701 North Redwood Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Father Darko:

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I extend my sincerest condolences on the loss of His Holiness Patriarch Irinej.

The Serbian community is one of the oldest and largest immigrant communities in Chicago, with the Serbian Orthodox Church at its heart. I know that the Patriarch's death is a tremendous loss for Serbs across Chicago.

As you mourn this loss, I hope you find comfort in his memory. His legacy will always symbolize the values of hard work and integrity, community and compassion, and strength and humility. Our hearts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori E. Lightfoot".

Mayor