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I am honored to have the privilege of leading and serving as Superintendent of this incredible police agency. My vision is of an even more accomplished future built upon the many successes for which the Chicago Police Department is known as a result of your dedication and commitment to service.

Law enforcement is the greatest profession to which one can commit. As a second-generation police officer, policing has been my driving passion since well before I was sworn to this noble profession 30 years ago. Among many exceptional police agencies, the Chicago Police Department has earned a distinguished reputation as one of the most accomplished organizations in the field. The remarkable success achieved here has put your hard work in the spotlight and is a testament to the excellence at the heart of policing.

The unique mission of police work is to serve by protecting the lives, property, and rights of all people. Every unit in this Department is vital to achieving these honorable goals, and it is a source of great pride to be part of a team working toward them.

In spite of personnel shortages, Chicago Police Officers have achieved impressive, even historical, gains in crime reduction and community service. The reality of this admirable achievement is not that more is being done with less, but that striving to continually do one's work better and with great meaning yields significant outcomes.

The nature of our work demands accountability, and adequate resources are an absolute necessity in order to realize results. It is my foremost obligation to ensure the tools and support you need to safely provide quality police service in the communities of this world renowned city.

The focus on the mission will be crucial to our continued success as I address the limitations on resources. Always remember one officer in the right place at the right time can change the course of history, and our role in law enforcement has an important impact on lives everyday.

I value the open and respectful communication that is the benchmark of effective policing, and I am grateful to be able to continue my police career in an organization with outstanding professionalism and leadership. I thank you for your devotion to this profession and look forward to the future. I in turn will work to help you achieve further success in reducing crime and serving the residents, including our families, in this city.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Garry F. McCarthy'.

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