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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF VACANT FORMER LIBRARY AS OFFICE SPACE BY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN INNOVATIVE USE OF CITY LAND**

*Black on Black Love Organization Will Use Site as Office Space*

City Council today approved an ordinance by Mayor Emanuel that will authorize the execution of the City as Landlord lease agreement with the Black on Black Love Organization for use of the vacant library located at 8828 South Stony Island Avenue. The property will be used as office space by Black on Black Love Organization, a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit corporation that provides crime prevention, educational, and other social services.

The property located at 8828 South Stony Island Avenue is a former library that has no other municipal use. Black on Black Love Organization will use the property as office space and will work with the City on a subsequent conveyance of the property to the organization. Black on Black Love Organization provides social, educational, life skills, job placement assistance, parenting classes, and drug education programs. The organization also provides a mentoring program for at-risk high school youth, an annual Thanksgiving food drive, and an annual Christmas drive.

The lease will allow for the Black on Black Love Organization to occupy the space for \$1.00 for the term of the lease. The organization will be responsible for all maintenance, security, custodial services, and payment of all utilities for the property. The lease will begin upon City Council approval and will expire on December 31, 2023. The lease may be canceled by either party with 90 days' notice.

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