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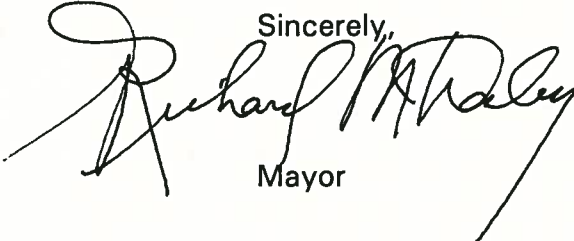
GREETINGS

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to welcome everyone attending The Association for American Cultures' (TAAC) Open Dialogue 2010, *Building the Agenda for Cultural Democracy*.

TAAC offers artists, designers, art instructors and other actively creative individuals outstanding opportunities to network, advance cultural democracy and learn how to empower their diverse communities. Chicago has a wealth of museums, a wide array of galleries and a vibrant arts community, and we are delighted to welcome your conference. With exhibits, seminars and presentations, this event fosters and reflects the creative excellence and innovation for which our city is known.

For those of you visiting Chicago, I hope you will take time to discover all that makes our city a great place to live and visit. I know you will like what you find. From our great architecture and beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline to our world-renowned cultural institutions and Millennium Park, Chicago offers something for everyone.

May you all have a memorable and productive dialogue.

Sincerely,

Mayor