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**Pedestrian River Walk Access Restored at Lower Field / Lower Wacker Dr.**

Dear Neighbor:

Last night, I was made aware of the recent installation of a new wall / barrier at the end of the long pedestrian crosswalk that traverses Lower Wacker Drive, connecting Lower Field Drive (and the New Eastside/Lakeshore East community) to downtown's most popular new amenity: the Chicago River Walk.

Because I would never approve the installation of a wall panel that would eliminate such an important bicycle and pedestrian access point (especially one clearly demarked by a city pedestrian crosswalk); I visited the site myself last night to inspect the newly installed wall to understand its exact placement in order to facilitate its immediate removal.

I am very pleased to report that, with the swift assistance of the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) we were able to quickly restore this important pedestrian access point today by removing the wall panel installed in error by a contractor repairing other sections of fencing along the River Walk.

Thank you again to those who brought this issue to my attention and for your patience over the past 24 hours as we have worked to address this local infrastructure concern. It is my pleasure to serve as your alderman and please know that my office stands ready to assist you with any concern you may have.

If we can be of future assistance, please call us at (312) 642-4242 or e-mail my Constituent Service Office at [office@ward42chicago.com](mailto:office@ward42chicago.com) to make your request.

Sincerely,

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