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**MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES JEWEL-OSCO IS COMING TO WOODLAWN**

*48,000-Sq. Ft. Store Will Bring Fresh Quality Food Options to the Woodlawn Neighborhood*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced Jewel-Osco will build a full-service grocery store and drive-through pharmacy on the northwest corner of 61st Street and Cottage Grove Avenue. The new store will bring high-quality fresh food options to the Woodlawn community.

"Today we are taking the next major step in the renaissance and resurgence happening across Woodlawn," Mayor Emanuel said. "This new grocery store will bring fresh food options to a community that is witnessing an unprecedented level of investment, growth and progress."

The 48,000-square-foot store will employ approximately 200 full-and part-time workers when it opens in late 2018. The full-service supermarket will offer fresh produce, a deli counter, ready-to-eat meals and a variety of service for customers. The store will be developed by a joint venture of Terraco and DL3, which will lease the facility to Jewel-Osco.

"Jewel-Osco firmly believes in the importance of investing in communities," said Mike Withers, President of Jewel-Osco. "The decision to build a new store in the Woodlawn neighborhood underscores our dedication to the residents and the City of Chicago."

The new store is the latest in a surge of developments along Cottage Grove Avenue near 61st Street, which is just minutes from the future home of the Obama Presidential Center. The new grocery store is steps from MetroSquash, a recreational and educational center, the Woodlawn Resource Center, a new residence hall for University of Chicago, five new POAH apartment buildings, the first market-rate apartment development to be built in Woodlawn in decades, a rehabilitated Strand Hotel, new dining options, coffee shops and more. Earlier this week Mayor Emanuel announced the upcoming modernization of the 63rd and Cottage CTA station.

A dozen Woodlawn businesses participating in the City's SBIF program have used more than \$655,000 in grant funding to make nearly \$1 million in building improvements, and more than 200 homes have received Neighborhood Improvement Program grants for basic repairs. Other nearby investments include the Shankman Orthogenic School and Hyde Park Day School.

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