

Candace Moore Chief Equity Officer City of Chicago

Upon taking office, Chicago's new mayor, Lori Lightfoot, appointed Candace Moore to serve as the City's first Chief Equity Officer. Charged with leading the new Office of Equity and Racial Justice, Candace has been tasked with advancing policies and practices that promote equitable outcomes across city services and resources.

Prior to serving as the City's Chief Equity Officer, Candace advocated for educational equity through a lens of racial and social justice at the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. She was instrumental in the Chicago Lawyers' Committee's re-launch of the Educational Equity Project. Candace's work with the Chicago Lawyer's Committee focused on organizing legal advocacy resources to address disparate school discipline and barriers to enrollment for students throughout Chicago and its surrounding communities. As a next generation civil rights advocate, she believes that it is imperative to work in partnership with community-based advocates and institutional policy makers to achieve sustainable and meaningful solutions.

Candace's dedication to public service and advocacy is fueled by her own trials and triumphs and the countless stories of people who continue to be unfairly met with systemic barriers. Whether serving as a case manager for adults with disabilities at the Association for Individual Development or a Community Education Manager at the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence, Candace's past professional experiences have ignited a passion to be intentional in her work and created an unrelenting desire to be an agent of change. She is a proud graduate of both Loyola University Chicago's undergraduate program and the School of Law (J.D.'13). Beyond her formal education, Candace engages in thought leadership and advocacy surrounding her deep commitment to empowering people to develop their own voice and be their own agents of change and is an alumna of the inaugural Surge Fellowship cohort and the Shriver Center's inaugural class of the Racial Justice Initiative.