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Keynote Address

“Addressing Climate Change in Chicago”

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as part of

A Dialogue on Cities and Climate Change

Tuesday, September 22, 2009; 9:00 - 10:00 am
Eugene Black Auditorium, H Building

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As Mayor Richard M. Daley's Chief Environmental Officer, Sadhu is responsible for oversight of City of Chicago environmental initiatives. Sadhu has served Mayor Daley in the development and implementation of the **Chicago Climate Change Action Plan**, which *Scientific American* referred to it as one of the world's most comprehensive municipal climate plans. Under Mayor Daley's leadership, Sadhu was involved in the design and implementation of the **City's blue cart recycling system** increasing recycling rates, while making it easier for Chicago residents to recycle. He has been integrally involved in the creation and oversight of a **green jobs' strategy** for Chicago, assisting ex-offenders and disadvantaged populations in gaining access to opportunities of residential energy retrofitting, deconstruction, and renewable energy installation. He has served a leadership role in the oversight of programs to **engage Chicago's businesses and residents** such as Earth Hour, Green Hotels, the Green Office Challenge, and Mayor Daley's GreenWorks Awards.

Prior to serving in this capacity, Sadhu served as the **Commissioner of the City of Chicago's Department of Environment (DOE)**. He was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley in July of 2005 after serving as **Assistant to the Mayor for Green Initiatives**. His responsibilities as Commissioner included the overall management of DOE, which administers programs to protect and restore Chicago's natural resources, reduce waste, clean up brownfields, promote energy efficiency and reliability, educate the public about environmental issues, and enforce the City's environmental protection laws. As Commissioner, Sadhu oversaw the design and construction of the City's Household Electronics and Chemicals Recycling Center. Prior to working for the City of Chicago, Sadhu served as the **Executive Director of the Cleveland Green Building Coalition**.