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CPD TO ADD MORE MEMBERS TO USE OF FORCE COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

CHICAGO – While the new Use of Force Community Working Group that was assembled largely by the Coalition at the direction of the Independent Monitor as part of a consent decree requirement was intended to build on that work, the Mayor’s Office and the CPD have made it clear to all that in order to have legitimacy and accomplish its stated goals, the Working Group simply must accurately reflect the full diversity of the communities and residents our officers are sworn to serve and protect.

The call for additional members reflects the Mayor’s commitment and emphasis on a path towards real, meaningful police reform that is only possible through a collaborative partnership with police officers, community-based organizations, faith leaders, advocates and residents.

The Chicago Police Department is working with the Coalition to identify additional candidates for the group from across our neighborhoods so that more residents and community partners can have a seat at the table and provide open and productive dialogue in these reform efforts, especially including Chicago's faith-based leaders, Latinx community members, Muslim and other important stakeholders. We will continue to build on our community engagement measures to ensure that the Department works hand-in-hand with all residents as part of our shared commitment to creating better policies and better training for our officers, which will result in safer communities and a stronger Chicago Police Department.

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