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### **CPD ACCEPTS COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chicago Police Department (CPD) Superintendent Eddie Johnson today announced the next step to make community policing a department-wide philosophy in an effort to rebuild public integrity and make Chicago safer. The Superintendent has accepted the Community Policing Advisory Panel (CPAP) recommendations, which will be implemented by the newly appointed Deputy Chief of the Office of Community Policing.

"As a Department, we are committed to continued reform efforts to rebuild trust with residents through meaningful partnerships that will strengthen public safety in every neighborhood of the city," said CPD Superintendent Eddie Johnson. "I accept these comprehensive recommendations because I know that community engagement was central to the process every step of the way, and thanks to Mayor Emanuel, we will have the resources to implement them properly. I am grateful to the dedication of the Panel, but most importantly I am grateful to the community for giving us the feedback we need to do this right."

In August, the Panel released draft recommendations online for public comment, which included ways the Police Department will build, expand, and invest in community policing. Residents and community stakeholders shared their thoughts on the Chicago Police website and in-person at four Community Conversations held on Thursday, August 10 in North Pullman, Thursday, August 17 in Rogers Park, Thursday, August 24 in East Garfield Park and in Spanish on Tuesday September 19 in Hermosa.

Community feedback and engagement was central to the development the recommendations at every stage including input during three community Town Halls, online feedback, and focus groups. More than 2,200 surveys were completed by community residents and stakeholders, as well as police officers and supervisors. Panelists also learned from Chicago residents, faith leaders, CPD officers, civic leaders, academic researchers, advocates, high-ranking law enforcement officials from outside Police Departments and CPS students.

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Chaired by CPD Chief of Patrol Fred Waller, the Community Policing Advisory Panel includes Deputy Mayor Andrea Zopp, national experts in the field, academic researchers, members of CPD Command Staff and Chicago community leaders. The report is a framework for key areas for action, which will be implemented by each Bureau, including strengthening engagement with the City's youth, developing more robust community oriented training for Department members, and creating mechanisms for effective problem solving with the community and other city agencies.

Last month, the city announced more than \$3 million of the Mayor's 2018 proposed budget will be allocated directly to enhancing community policing efforts including hiring 30 new staff, enhancing training across the department and expanding district and youth advisory councils in every police district. In addition, CPD moved the Office of Community Policing under the Office of the Superintendent and appointed Deputy Chief Dwayne Betts to lead the effort. These moves will ensure the Department maintains its focus on community policing at every level and that the recommendations are implemented in a thoughtful and timely manner.

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