October 26, 2023

Mr. Anthony Driver, Jr.
President
Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability
2 North LaSalle Street
Room 725
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear President Driver:

Please accept this letter as my reply to the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability's six recommendations provided to my office on October 5, 2023 to fill vacancies on the Police Board.

I accept the recommendation of Kyle Cooper to replace Rev. Michael Eaddy.

I accept the recommendation of Dr. Niama Malachi to fill the current vacancy.

I request that the Commission submit new recommendations for the remaining vacancies. Among the member criteria set forth in Paragraph 532 of the Consent Decree which is incorporated into Section 2-80-80(c) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, at least four members of the Police Board shall each have at least ten years of experience as a practicing attorney. The pool of candidates provided is not sufficient to enable compliance with this requirement. In addition, I request that the Commission review the composition of the Board when making new recommendations to help ensure that the membership of the board better represents the population of the City of Chicago.

Pursuant to the Municipal Code I also designate Kyle Cooper as a new President of the Police Board.

I appreciate the ongoing work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Mayor

cc: Adam Gross, Executive Director