

**POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**REPORT OF COMMUNITY INPUT RECEIVED
AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON JULY 18, 2019**

Twelve members of the public spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting. See the transcript of the meeting, posted on the Board's website, for a complete report of each speaker's remarks.

The Chicago Police Department responded to the remarks made by Jennifer Edwards, John Perryman, Matthew Brandon, and Carolyn Ruff (see below).

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability responded to the remarks made by Octavia Mitchell (see below).

The Office of the Police Board determined that the remarks made by Crista Noel, Zyron Washington, Patrick Murray Martin Preib, Lee Bielecki, Mark Clements, and Robert More did not require a response in addition to that provided at the meeting.



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Re: Response to Community Input Received at the July 18, 2019 Police Board Meeting

Dear Mr. Caproni,

Thank you for forwarding the transcript of the July 18, 2019 Police Board Meeting so that the community comments can be reviewed, and the Chicago Police Department (CPD) can provide a report of the work it has done on this topic. This report is specifically in response to the public comments from Jennifer Edwards, John Perryman, Matthew Brandon, and Carolyn Ruff, each of whom presented various issues relating to policing in their communities and specific issues which they ask CPD to review. The Department appreciates these individuals taking the time to appear at the Police Board Meeting and raise these important issues which we continue to evaluate and attempt to resolve. The Bureau of Patrol and the Bureau of Detectives were consulted in drafting this response.

First, Jennifer Edwards spoke on behalf of Communities Organized to Win, a compilation of 30 community groups concerned particularly with the Dan Ryan and 69th Street Transit Corridor. The Commanders of the relevant Districts (3, 6, and 7) continue to work with these organizations to address the crime, panhandlers, and non-licensed peddlers who are active in this area. One suggestion raised by Ms. Edwards was to reinstate the 606 Queen car. The Department continues to evaluate that suggestion given its current man power limitations. In the meantime, the relevant Districts are coordinating with Mass Transit to resolve issues of crime and look forward to continuing their work with these community groups.

John Perryman spoke to raise concern about a troubled business in his community that he hoped to have shut down. The Department certainly understands his frustration that although this business was shut down recently, it was only for a short time period and, once it reopened, the issues surrounding the business again surfaced. The Chief of Patrol has been working with Mr. Perryman to connect him to the Sergeant from Troubled Buildings. Additionally, the Department is attempting to balance Mr. Perryman's requests for a patrol car at the location with the many needs of the District. Recently, Mr. Perryman has confirmed that he spoke with the Sergeant from Troubled Buildings.

Matthew Brandon spoke to raise concerns that the Department does not reflect the communities it serves and, until it does, the Department needs beat integrity. To the first point, the Chicago Police Department has spent countless hours and dollars attempting to recruit citizens of color from all over the City and beyond to test for the Department, offered classes to help these individuals train, and even instituted call banks to remind applicants of various test dates. This program has been successful in recruiting candidates that are more reflective of the City than its predecessors. The Department is committed to continuing this program moving forward. Further, beat integrity is something that the Department strives for and recognizes the importance of, but this importance must be balanced with the reality that emergencies and events can often disrupt beat integrity. The Department hopes to resolve this issue through the various portions of the consent decree which require the Department to take certain steps to establish unity of command and span of control.

Finally, Carolyn Ruff spoke on behalf of the family of Kierra Coles asking for an update on the investigation of her disappearance and for more detectives to help find her. The Department is sincerely sorry for the loss and pain that Ms. Coles' family is suffering in her absence. The Bureau of Detectives continues to investigate every lead that they receive into her disappearance. They hope to receive the information they need to close this investigation and find Ms. Coles.

Sincerely,



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Office of the Superintendent



COPA Remarks Regarding Comments of Ms. Octavia Mitchell
Chicago Police Board Meeting
July 18, 2019

During the July 18, 2019 Chicago Police Board (Board) meeting Ms. Mitchell requested that the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) provide certain material related to a complaint she filed with COPA against a member of the Chicago Police Department (Department). Below is a summary of COPA's communication with Ms. Mitchell regarding to her request.

- **July 18, 2019**: Immediately following the Board meeting, COPA Public Information Officer Ephraim Eaddy provided Ms. Mitchell instructions and contact information to assist her in submitting a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to COPA.
- **July 23, 2019**: COPA received Ms. Mitchell's FOIA request seeking any and all documents and body worn camera video footage related her April 13, 2019 traffic stop by Chicago Police Officers.
- **July 29, 2019**: COPA advised Ms. Mitchell that it was unable to provide the requested documents and video footage at this time as the material is related to a pending investigation of her complaint. COPA further advised Ms. Mitchell that Illinois law specifically exempts from production any documents created in the course of an administrative enforcement proceeding to the extent their disclosure may interfere with such proceedings.¹ COPA was able to provide Ms. Mitchell with a copy of the related investigative file "face sheet" which includes a record of the current status and information regarding all documents in the investigative file.

¹ See 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(i) and (ii).