

1 CITY OF CHICAGO POLICE BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

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3 Report of Proceedings had at the Chicago
4 Police Board Public Meeting, held at 3510 South
5 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on the 21st day
6 of July, A.D., 2016, commencing at the hour of
7 7:30 p.m.

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8 APPEARANCES:

9 LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, President

10 GHIAN FOREMAN, Vice President

11 EVA-DINA DELGADO

12 MICHAEL EADDY

13 RITA A. FRY

14 JOHN D. SIMPSON

15 RHODA D. SWEENEY

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18 SHARON FAIRLEY, Chief Administrator
19 Independent Police Review Authority

20 FRED WALLER, Chief of Patrol, Chicago Police Dept

21 CHARISE VALENTE, General Counsel to the Superintendent

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1 MR. FOREMAN: Good evening. My name
2 is Ghian Foreman. I'm the vice president of
3 the Chicago Police Board, and I'm calling the
4 meeting to order.

5 We begin the meeting by welcoming our
6 newest board member, Eva-Dina Delgado, who
7 serves as the head of local government and
8 community relations for Peoples Gas and North
9 Shore Gas companies. The City Council approved
10 Mayor Emanuel's appointment of Ms. Delgado on
11 June 22nd. Welcome.

12 MS. DELGADO: Thank you.

13 MR. FOREMAN: The first item of
14 business is the approval of the minutes of the
15 Board's regular public meeting held on
16 June 16, 2016.

17 Is there a motion to approve the
18 minutes?

19 MR. SIMPSON: So moved.

20 MS. FRY: Second.

21 MR. FOREMAN: All in favor?

22 (Chorus of Ayes.)

23 MR. FOREMAN: Opposed?

24 The motion passes.

1 interviews of the top candidates.

2 Is there a motion to designate
3 Jeffrey I. Cummings as a Hearing Officer of the
4 Police Board pursuant to Section 2-84-030 of
5 the Municipal Code of Chicago?

6 MS. FRY: So moved.

7 MR. EADDY: Second.

8 MR. FOREMAN: All those in favor?

9 (Chorus of Ayes.)

10 MR. FOREMAN: Opposed?

11 The motions passes.

12 The general orders and other
13 directives issued by the Superintendent of
14 Police during the previous month are listed in
15 the blue books and are available on the
16 Police Department's website.

17 The next item is the Superintendent's
18 report. Is there a motion to waive the oral
19 presentation and receive the monthly report in
20 writing?

21 MS. FRY: So moved.

22 MR. EADDY: Second.

23 MR. FOREMAN: All in favor?

24 (Chorus of ayes.)

1 MR. FOREMAN: All opposed?

2 Motions passes.

3 We will now have a report from
4 Sharon Fairley, the Chief Administrator of
5 IPRA.

6 MS. FAIRLEY: Thank you.

7 Can everybody hear me?

8 So good evening. I would like to take
9 this opportunity to provide a brief update on
10 the progress of work being conducted by the
11 Independent Police Review Authority.

12 As you all know, this past spring, the
13 Police Accountability Task Force recommended
14 that IPRA be replaced by a new civilian
15 oversight agency and Mayor Emanuel has
16 announced plans to follow through on that
17 recommendation, as well as other
18 recommendations for ways to improve the City's
19 police accountability infrastructure.

20 In the meantime, IPRA continues to
21 take in and investigate complaints regarding
22 police misconduct. During the second quarter,
23 we closed approximately over
24 160 investigations, which represents a

1 40 percent increase over the prior quarter.

2 In addition, the percentage of the
3 investigations in which IPRA found there was
4 sufficient evidence to prove misconduct
5 increased to 38 percent, which is up from an
6 average of 15 percent during the preceding
7 year.

8 Now, in addition to these statistics,
9 the second quarter report we issued last
10 Thursday highlights other initiatives that have
11 been accomplished in the last few months. Some
12 of these include the publication of the
13 finalization of rules which govern our
14 investigative processes, and these are also
15 publicly available on the IPRA website. That
16 report also includes an update on our
17 transparency initiative.

18 Now, I'd also like to take this
19 opportunity to provide brief updates on some of
20 the ongoing investigations that are of most
21 interest to the people that are here tonight.

22 First, for the officer-involved
23 shooting resulting in the death of
24 Dakota Bright, the involved officer has been

1 interviewed and a summary report is being
2 prepared.

3 For the involved -- for the
4 officer-involved shooting resulting in the
5 death of Darius Pinex, I have reviewed that
6 investigation and have identified several
7 investigative steps that I believe are
8 necessary before the case can be closed. I
9 believe these can be accomplished within 60 to
10 90 days.

11 Regarding the investigation of the
12 officer-involved shooting resulting in the
13 death of Pierre Loury, forensic testing is
14 still underway. We hope to have those results
15 in August.

16 Regarding the officer-involved
17 shooting resulting in the death of
18 Ronald Johnson, we are nearing the closing of
19 that investigation and will be publishing a
20 report in the next few weeks.

21 Regarding the officer-involved
22 shooting resulting in the death of
23 Quintonio LeGrier and Betty Jones, IPRA plans
24 to interview all of the officers that were on

1 the scene of this incident, and that process is
2 almost complete. Forensic analysis is underway
3 by the Illinois State Police, and we are now
4 seeking permission from the Court that's
5 overseeing the family's civil litigation to
6 conduct additional forensic testing on a
7 firearm.

8 Now, although these investigations
9 remain active and underway, I can report that,
10 since January, IPRA has finalized the
11 investigation of 11 officer-involved shootings,
12 and among those, we found that in three, the
13 involved officer's conduct was improper, and we
14 recommended that those officers be separated
15 from the Department.

16 In fact, as of January of this year,
17 IPRA has made findings and recommended that
18 11 officers be separated from the Department.
19 In addition, we've recommended suspensions of
20 30 days or more for five officers.

21 Now, for all officer-involved death
22 investigations, we have adopted a new protocol
23 whereby we invite family members to meet with
24 us so that we can review our findings and

1 recommendations with them before they become
2 public. To date, we have held one such meeting
3 and are in the process of scheduling additional
4 meetings in the other places that are close to
5 being closed.

6 If there's anyone who has a question
7 about the status of an IPRA investigation,
8 please contact our office, and we will be happy
9 to speak to you either on the phone or in
10 person.

11 Now, I would also like to point out
12 that on Wednesdays, IPRA personnel
13 investigators are available at locations out in
14 the community to take complaints and answer
15 questions.

16 The neighborhoods that we're in
17 include Auburn Gresham, Uptown, East Garfield
18 Park, and Grand Boulevard.

19 For more information about the times
20 and specific locations where our investigators
21 are available, please consult our website.

22 Lastly, I would like to express our
23 sadness over the lives lost to gun violence in
24 recent weeks.

1 Our hearts go out to the communities
2 of color who have lost sons and fathers, and
3 our hearts go out to the communities of first
4 responders who have lost partners and friends.

5 To the Superintendent, Chief Waller,
6 the members of the Department that are in the
7 room here tonight, I want to thank you for your
8 service.

9 To the members of the community that
10 are here tonight, I want to thank you for your
11 perseverance in the quest for justice.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Amen.

13 MS. FAIRLEY: It is my hope that as we
14 all struggle with the challenges and the
15 frustrations that we face as a community in
16 this difficult and historic time, that each and
17 every day we will try to remind ourselves of
18 the great words of Dr. King: Darkness cannot
19 drive out darkness; only light can do that.
20 Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do
21 that.

22 Thank you.

23 MR. FOREMAN: Thank you, Sharon.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Magda Waller. You

1 need to remove that sign or move to the other
2 seat because that's lead man's seat.

3 MR. FOREMAN: This is my first time
4 reading. I skipped over one very important
5 section. We have to do disciplinary cases.

6 So final action for Case No. 15PB2898,
7 Officer Snelling. The Police Board is
8 authorized by the Open Meeting Act and is
9 considered a closed meeting (inaudible) two
10 disciplinary cases. The Board will now take
11 final action on these cases.

12 Regarding Case No. 15PB2898, the
13 Superintendent filed charges to discharge
14 officer Broderick Snelling from the Chicago
15 Police Department for excessive use of force
16 and conducting an unjustified search. The
17 Superintendent subsequently moved to withdraw
18 the charges without prejudice because the
19 respondent resigned from the CPD.

20 Is there a motion to grant the
21 Superintendent's motion to withdraw the
22 charges?

23 MS. FRY: So moved.

24 MR. EADDY: Second.

1 MR. FOREMAN: All in favor, please
2 raise your hand. Any opposed?

3 Voting in favor are board members
4 Foreman, Delgado, Eaddy, Fry, Simpson, Sweeney.

5 Motion passes.

6 Regarding Case No. 16PB2905, the
7 Superintendent filed charges to discharge
8 Police Officer Joseph Mook from the Chicago
9 Police Department for testing positive for
10 methamphetamine. Superintendent subsequently
11 moved to withdraw the charges without prejudice
12 because the respondent resigned from the CPD.

13 Is there a motion to grant
14 Superintendent's motion to withdraw the
15 charges?

16 MS. FRY: So moved.

17 MR. EADDY: Second.

18 MR. FOREMAN: All in favor, please
19 raise your hand.

20 None opposed. Those in favor are
21 Board members Delgado, Eaddy, Fry, Simpson,
22 Sweeney, and myself. The motion passes.

23 The Board's order in cases in which we
24 took final action in this meeting will be

1 entered as of today's date and will be issued
2 to the parties. A copy of the written orders
3 will be posted on the Board's website in
4 10 business days pursuant to the Municipal Code
5 of Chicago.

6 I will now call upon those members of
7 the public who have signed up in advance to
8 speak. When your name is called, please step
9 up to the microphone. We ask that you limit
10 your comments to two minutes.

11 QUEEN SISTER: Excuse me, (inaudible)
12 was to start are those that didn't get a chance
13 to speak last month.

14 MR. FOREMAN: Okay. To begin our
15 public conversation, we've invited
16 Susan Johnson and Dawn Valenti from the
17 community organization Chicago Survivors, a
18 program of Chicago citizens for change, to
19 speak about services that the organization
20 provides to victims of violence and their
21 families.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Lightfoot said --

23 QUEEN SISTER: Ms. Lightfoot said I'd
24 go first too, but that ain't happening tonight.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. Good
2 evening. I am Susan Johnson. I'm the
3 executive director of Chicago survivors. We
4 provide free comprehensive services to
5 surviving family members in the aftermath of
6 every homicide across our city.

7 I want to tell you very briefly about
8 our services. We are an independent
9 not-for-profit organization. We are dispatched
10 through a negotiated relationship with the
11 Chicago Police Department. We arrive at the
12 crime scene, the hospital or the home within
13 four hours of CPD assisted dispatch; most often
14 we arrive within an hour, and we provide
15 immediate crisis intervention services.

16 Our care continues proactively for at
17 least six months. Our family support
18 specialists provide supportive counseling for
19 the family, practical needs assessments,
20 comprehensive referrals. We work primarily in
21 the neighborhood and in family's homes.

22 When a murder case is solved, we also
23 provide court accompaniment for families. We
24 have a community of survivors where families

1 receive peer support, attend advocate,
2 educational, and memorial events as long as
3 they want to, even for years.

4 Every violent loss is unique. A
5 unique person is killed in the midst of his or
6 her life.

7 The people affected by violence are
8 also unique. They too were in the midst of
9 their lives, the good times and the challenges,
10 when tragedy befell on them. We tailor our
11 crime victim services to their experience and
12 needs.

13 Our staff is very diverse; a third of
14 them are bilingual. We are diverse in age,
15 race, educational background, gender. We
16 receive 80 hours of evidence-based training,
17 and our services include things like the
18 escalation of family members whose normal,
19 immediate, and very emotional responses to
20 violent loss may get them into trouble with law
21 enforcement at the scene or hospital security
22 personnel in emergency rooms.

23 We help organize crime scene cleanup.
24 We work to protect the family from unwanted

1 media attention and predatory funeral
2 practices, and we will assist them in the
3 identification of their loved one's body.

4 Over the next several days after a
5 homicide, we may also assist in the recovery of
6 the victim's possessions from either impound or
7 the medical examiner's office, and we will
8 assist with funeral planning, including the
9 application for crime victim's compensation.

10 We will liaise with the detectives to
11 be sure that the family understands what has
12 happened and what is being done to investigate
13 their loved one's death. We facilitate direct
14 communication in any police district death, as
15 alleged, and we're very proud of the many times
16 that we play a role in family and police coming
17 to understand each other.

18 Though we do not ever discourage
19 families from filing complaints against police
20 if they wish to do so, and we will help them
21 understand the proper way to make that happen.

22 We collaborate with CPD to conduct
23 survivor family unsolved case meetings in which
24 families meet with detectives and supervisors

1 to ask questions and hear the progress on the
2 case that remains solved for at least one year.

3 Our primary goal is to assist families
4 after violent loss and to promote transparency
5 and accountability in law enforcement and the
6 criminal justice system on behalf of the
7 victims' families.

8 Almost half of our families are
9 working families, and with our assistance,
10 90 percent of working adults are going back to
11 work within a month.

12 More than three-quarters of our
13 families have minor children in the home and
14 are -- with our assistance, 90 percent of
15 school-aged children are returning to school.

16 We reduce PTSD symptoms, and we
17 increase daily functioning. Our current
18 funding comes almost entirely from the
19 U.S. Department of Justice. In the State of
20 Illinois, the immediate family members of a
21 murder victim are also legally crime victims
22 themselves.

23 As crime victims, they have rights,
24 but the victims rights movement is young, and

1 victims are deeply traumatized by what has
2 happened to them. Victims' rights without
3 victims' services are mere words on a page.
4 We're devoted to serving family members after
5 homicide. The expansion of our program is
6 recommended by the Police Accountability Task
7 Force.

8 If there is any way that any of you
9 see that we should be expanding our services or
10 could improve our work, please call upon us.
11 I brought our palm cards so that you have ways
12 to contact us either this evening or in the
13 future. Thank you very much for your
14 attention.

15 MR. FOREMAN: Thank you.

16 QUEEN SISTER: How many Caucasian
17 victims have you assisted?

18 MR. FOREMAN: Queen Sister, I'm
19 calling you first to speak.

20 QUEEN SISTER: I know you are.

21 Blessings. First, I think it's very
22 inconsiderate and disrespectful for you all to
23 put the Police Task Force Accountability
24 meeting on the same day as the Board meeting.

1 It shows a lack of communication between you
2 all.

3 And that goes along with, you know,
4 you all got the FOP, then you got the white
5 officers secret society organization that's in
6 charge of operation pull a nigger -- pull a
7 trigger, kill a nigger. Then you got the
8 African-American police league. You all cannot
9 seem to come together amongst yourselves, so
10 how you expect for us to trust you and expect
11 for us to come together out here?

12 This is your former officer Morris.
13 I'm going to give her the rest of my time.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We want to know
15 where the money went without Arcy Jones
16 (inaudible).

17 MS. MORRIS: Bridgett Morris; I'm a
18 former police officer of Chicago.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's a former
20 police officer. Speak up.

21 MS. MORRIS: I had a dating
22 relationship with officer Ronald Hope, which
23 cost me my job because he made allegations that
24 I drove past his residence and looked at it,

1 and it was never proven, but they gave me
2 Rule No. 14, and the case was thrown out of
3 court, and they had no proof at the Board, but
4 they still took my career away from me. I had
5 never had any disciplinary problems prior to
6 that, and I'm requesting from the Board, and I
7 asked the prior Board to go over, and they
8 would not. I ran out of money to keep fighting
9 this. I fought it all the way up until I
10 became broke because lawyers cost money.

11 The police department takes you and
12 puts you on a no-pay status, and I had children
13 at home. I'm a sole supporter of my household.
14 This has caused me dire stress --

15 MR. FOREMAN: Can you please wrap up
16 your comments.

17 MS. MORRIS: -- medical problems and
18 everything. I request that this Board and the
19 review board look at this because it's people
20 I'm seeing that's keeping their jobs and
21 getting other jobs and have done way worse than
22 Rule No. 14, and then how can you hit me with
23 Rule No. 14 if you never found me guilty of
24 anything?

1 MR. FOREMAN: Thank you. Can you
2 please give your information to Max, and we'll
3 take a look at it.

4 MS. MORRIS: Yes, because I had talked
5 to Ms. Lightfoot before. She hasn't gotten
6 back to me yet.

7 MR. FOREMAN: Next speaker is
8 Toni Stith.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is anyone here from
10 the Department of Justice?

11 MR. FOREMAN: Toni Stith.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Anyone from the
13 Department of Justice?

14 MR. FOREMAN: Next speaker,
15 Emmitt Farmer.

16 Next speaker, Gudron Klaus.

17 Good evening.

18 MR. KLAUS: Hi. Hello. I'm
19 Gudron Klaus.

20 MR. FOREMAN: Can you speak into the
21 microphone.

22 MS. KLAUS: I'm Gudron Klaus, and I'm
23 living in Humboldt Park.

24 MS. REPORTER: I'm sorry, ma'am, speak

1 into the microphone. I can't hear you.

2 MS. KLAUS: This is a crime-infested
3 area, and we have police. I would like to
4 accomplish this. I'm frequent 911 caller, go
5 to area CAPS meeting and check street corners.

6 Teenage boys who frequently hang out
7 there to sell drugs call me the cat lady
8 because to get up this (inaudible) house, I get
9 cats and give shelter; they are all fixed. The
10 teenagers often watch me, and when they see me
11 use my cell, they say, That's not nice, because
12 they know I probably calling cops on them.

13 But I really want to improve, but
14 that's all not enough (inaudible). In order to
15 improve a crime-infested neighborhood, we need
16 aggressive policing. This frequent, frequent
17 street stops of suspicious characters.

18 These are usually young males who live
19 in the -- live in the area, but those who
20 suffer most from the policing often benefit
21 from it in crime rates and lower test rates
22 (inaudible) who drive by-shooting of private
23 gang. The biggest problem is street stops;
24 however, it's noncompliance by the person who

1 is being stopped, but we do need confidence on
2 police men and women who must follow their
3 procedure during a stop to do what has to be
4 done.

5 They also have to save their lives,
6 and if they have to, they should be able to
7 shoot, just don't shoot to kill.

8 To the officers who -- who are
9 responsible for the training of new recruits,
10 don't train them like soldiers.

11 MR. FOREMAN: Can you please wrap up
12 your comments.

13 THE WITNESS: A soldier shoots to
14 kill. He has to survive in a battle. Don't
15 train officers to be killers. We need cops to
16 disarm and not to kill. Thanks.

17 MR. FOREMAN: Thank you.

18 Next speaker, Panzy Edwards.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She not here.

20 MR. FOREMAN: Next speaker.

21 Ana Lopez.

22 Next speaker, Dorothy Holmes.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's not here.

24 MR. FOREMAN: Next speaker,

1 Eric Russell.

2 MR. RUSSELL: Good evening.

3 MR. FOREMAN: Good evening,

4 Mr. Russell.

5 Good evening. My name is

6 Eric Russell, president of (inaudible).

7 Thank you, Ms. Fairley, for the update
8 on Betty Jones and LeGrier.

9 The first thing I'd like to say is
10 that my name is Eric Russell. I don't drink, I
11 don't do drugs, I drive a newer model car, and
12 -- that's regularly maintained. I am not
13 suicidal. I don't have any outstanding debt
14 that would cause any additional stress on me.

15 The reason that I say that is because
16 this week there was an attempt on my life. My
17 car -- do you mind?

18 My car was shot up in front of my
19 south side home. My -- can you pass that to
20 the lawyer.

21 My car was shot up in front my south
22 side home. This is the car I ride in with my
23 family. This is the car that my parents ride
24 in, and yes, I did file a police report with a

1 lot of reluctance. The report that I filed was
2 almost an exercise in futility.

3 When the officer got there, you know,
4 they seen the signs, and she was so dismissive
5 in saying that even police accountability
6 people have to call the police from time to
7 time too, I see.

8 So my home is protected, thank
9 Mr. Farracai (phonetic). He sent some people
10 over from the FOI. They come to watch my
11 house.

12 How this all started, Sunday morning
13 -- I was very reluctant. I don't know if this
14 is backlash from some statements taken out of
15 context by Fox News or the statement made by
16 the president of the FOP, you know, where he
17 called me an angry black man and how the things
18 I do are a detriment to society.

19 I woke up at 1:00 o'clock in the
20 morning to four shots; they rang outside my
21 home.

22 I look out the window, I see an SUV
23 going. I stay on 72nd and Ridgeland, 7252,
24 everybody kind of knows where I stay at.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: If we didn't, we
2 know now.

3 MR. RUSSELL: Yeah, everybody's always
4 at my house for one thing or another.

5 I said, when the shots rang out, I
6 noticed an SUV going down a one way street. I
7 just figured that the police were maybe in
8 pursuit of whoever fired the shots. When I
9 stepped out on the front porch with my two
10 canines, one goes to the alley, one kind of
11 puts his paw up on my car; I pay no attention
12 to it. I go back in the house. I emerge from
13 the house the very next morning to find my car
14 bullet riddled and shot up.

15 Now, in my line of work, the real
16 reason that I'm bringing this to the attention
17 is beyond my safety. Very seldom do I advocate
18 on behalf of myself, you know. It's more about
19 victims, but what I noticed is that activists'
20 lives matters too. I've noticed a type of
21 tension and a racial divide where the
22 protesting and activism -- to make a long story
23 short, I made a comment, it was Fox news. I
24 said, Now they know how we feel, and -- but Fox

1 news chose to take that --

2 MR. FOREMAN: Wrap it up, please.

3 MR. RUSSELL: Huh?

4 MR. FOREMAN: Time to wrap up your
5 comments, please.

6 MR. RUSSELL: Yeah.

7 MR. FOREMAN: Thank you.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: There you have it.

9 MR. FOREMAN: Crista Noel.

10 MS. NOEL: How is everybody doing
11 tonight?

12 Good. Good. First of all, Chicago
13 Survivors, I spoke to Susan -- I spoke to Susan
14 from all points bulletin, called Susan for
15 Betty. They're presently doing some counseling
16 for the kids, so they do good work, okay.

17 You know how you get online and you
18 start reading stuff and next thing you know you
19 Googled thousands of things? Well, today, I
20 Googled all the way up to the Invisible Man by
21 Ralph Ellison, you all know that book.

22 I was in Wikipedia, and this is what
23 Wikipedia said. This book was written in 1952.
24 This is before Emmett Till, this is before the

1 civil rights movement, this is before the
2 Black Panthers.

3 This is what it says, The narrator
4 finds Clifton on the street selling dancing
5 Sambo dolls, dolls that invoke the stereo type
6 of a lazy obsequious slave. Clifton apparently
7 does not have a permit to sell his wares on the
8 street.

9 White policemen accost him, and after
10 a scuffle, shoot him dead as the narrator and
11 others look on. This is written in 1952.

12 On his own initiative, the narrator
13 holds a funeral for Clifton and gives a speech
14 in which he portrays his dead friend as a hero,
15 galvanizing public sentiment in Clifton's
16 favor. Is that not amazing? Is that not
17 amazing?

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah.

19 MS. NOEL: In 1952, in a book of
20 fiction, he writes what has happened 64 years
21 later on the street.

22 We are living the Invisible Man by
23 Ralph Ellison.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Here, here, that's

1 right.

2 MS. NOEL: It's amazing. Eric Garner
3 selling cigarettes on the street, no permit,
4 choked to death by police officers.

5 Public sentiment.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right.

7 MS. NOEL: Who's the guy who was just
8 shot and killed?

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Alton.

10 MS. NOEL: Alton. It's amazing. This
11 is 1952; this is 64 years ago.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Selling cigarettes.

13 MS. NOEL: Do we have work to do? We
14 all -- everybody in this room, you all around
15 the room, we have work to do, right? We have
16 to stop this. You know this has to stop.

17 We can't have, you know -- We Charge
18 Genocide was written in 1951. It talks -- half
19 of its stories are about police violence
20 against African-American people.

21 We really do have to come together.

22 And you know, I'm not saying black
23 only, you know, because I know police officers
24 will kill everybody, okay? They kill white

1 people, they kill Hispanic people, they kill
2 black people, they kill Asian people --

3 MR. FOREMAN: Wrap up.

4 MS. NOEL: -- Muslim people. They
5 kill everybody. So we all need to get together
6 to fight this, and I just want to make that
7 clear, all right? And I'm down with
8 conversations, and I hope that we soon can have
9 some serious conversations in the room about
10 this, all right? Thank you.

11 MR. FOREMAN: Thank you. Next speaker
12 is John Perryman.

13 MR. PERRYMAN: Good evening.

14 MR. FOREMAN: Good evening.

15 MR. PERRYMAN: I'm here to speak --
16 I'm here to speak about District 11; that is
17 where I live.

18 The drugs are out of control. They've
19 gotten steadily worse over the past six months.
20 It seems like in the 11, our police have two
21 modes: It goes from psychopath to the do
22 nothing.

23 Right now they're in do nothing mode.
24 When I talked to a beat officer, he said, This

1 is what people want. He said that to me.

2 I've gone to CAPS meetings. I've gone
3 to numerous CAPS meetings, and Sergeant Allen,
4 the sergeant of CAPS for our area, said, Well,
5 we can't do anything because the ACLU won't let
6 us. There's this idea that the only way they
7 can police is by taking away our civil
8 liberties.

9 At that last meeting, an officer had
10 the nerve to use the Department of Justice
11 investigation as an excuse for their inaction.
12 He said, Well, they're not allowed to talk to
13 anybody anymore because of the DOJ.

14 I've reached out to the commander --
15 actually, I believe it's a deputy chief --
16 several times. He has not met with the
17 community at all.

18 He is completely unapproachable. If
19 you look at the website, it doesn't even say
20 his name on District 11.

21 MS. LIGHTFOOT: Do you know what his
22 name is, sir?

23 THE WITNESS: I don't know. And I'm
24 very active in the community. They say we have

1 these meetings, well, they're in the day when a
2 lot of people are working, and they won't do
3 anything else. We don't know what his vision
4 is, what his strategies are.

5 So, specifically, I'm talking -- I
6 want to use a specific example of Madison and
7 California; major roads. There's a huge open
8 air drug market. I stood here and asked for
9 help on this, and I got help last year. Well,
10 it came back, and the CAPS officer says, Well,
11 there's worse -- there's worse drug markets.
12 So my question is: How bad does it have to get
13 before we get some action. I was hoping for
14 that -- we can be proactive. There's one thing
15 I seen work, and that is surveillance and
16 undercover buys, not jump out boys grabbing
17 people and throwing them on the curb,
18 handcuffing them, and letting them go five
19 minutes later. Undercover buys.

20 Here's my ask today: Can I be in
21 touch with someone on the city level? I'm done
22 with District 11.

23 Can I speak with someone on district
24 level, specifically in the narcotics division,

1 that can help us with this problem because it's
2 really sad to see your neighborhood crumble and
3 you give information to the police to help
4 them, and they want to make a point by not
5 doing their jobs. And it's sad to see your
6 communities go down the drain.

7 Someone shot at my neighbor's house
8 just yesterday, bullets shooting at a car, and
9 it's all over drugs.

10 Our CAPS sergeant said, Well, we go to
11 where the shootings are. Well, if you are
12 going to where the shootings are, you are too
13 late, and we don't want any shootings. So go
14 before the shootings.

15 So that's my ask, is to talk to
16 someone. I do not want to talk to someone from
17 the 11. I want to talk to someone on the city
18 level.

19 MR. FOREMAN: Chief Waller, can you
20 address this, please.

21 CHIEF WALLER: That's not true and
22 that's not the sentiment of all the officers.
23 That one officer, I'm sorry if that's what was
24 said.

1 MR. PERRYMAN: It's several CAPS
2 officers.

3 CHIEF WALLER: There have been
4 numerous narcotic takedowns in the
5 11th District along with the 15th District.
6 One just recently, they took over 40 people off
7 the street.

8 It is an uphill battle with narcotics
9 over there. Narcotics is widespread all over,
10 and it's something that we are working on. We
11 have a narcotic initiative in the 11th District
12 specifically, and a lot of resources go to
13 that. I'll be available for you if you want to
14 wait afterwards, and we can speak afterwards.

15 MR. PERRYMAN: I would like that very
16 much.

17 MS. LIGHTFOOT: Chief Waller, can I
18 ask you, maybe you can connect with
19 Mr. Perryman after the meeting to take down
20 some specific information he has about what's
21 happening in and around his home.

22 CHIEF WALLER: When I'm done.

23 MR. RUSSELL: What you mean, does
24 activists' lives not matter? The white man is

1 the only one that matters?

2 MS. LIGHTFOOT: Mr. Russell.

3 MR. RUSSELL: Get somebody to talk to
4 me.

5 CHIEF WALLER: I'll be available to
6 talk to you also.

7 MS. LIGHTFOOT: Frankly, Mr. Russell,
8 I would like to chat with you afterwards
9 myself. If you believe you've been targeted,
10 then we need to do -- we need to get on that
11 right away.

12 MR. RUSSELL: People love me in my
13 community.

14 MS. LIGHTFOOT: I'm sure they do;
15 you're quite charming.

16 MR. FOREMAN: Next speaker is
17 Nancy Rodriguez.

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hello.

19 MS. LIGHTFOOT: Good afternoon, ma'am.

20 THE WITNESS: I've been -- I've been
21 in my house for 26 years, so like this guy says
22 he's hoping for drug dealing to be resolved,
23 that takes years, and it takes ongoing calling,
24 but it's not impossible because in my

1 neighborhood, it has been controlled, and we
2 have really good police officers in my
3 neighborhood, and at Beat 2535, we work really
4 well together, but there's only one problem,
5 and that's why I came here, because I'm not
6 sure that the police department was able to
7 address it.

8 In the entire month of June, my entire
9 neighborhood sounded like a war zone with
10 M-80s, explosives; we're not talking about fire
11 crackers, and then the alternate between
12 shootings. That was all of June, and about
13 maybe 8 to 10 days of July.

14 So they started the 4th of July one
15 month before celebration, but I was really
16 shocked to see that it was constant blowing up
17 of M-80s. We're talking about really loud
18 booms. It continued on and on; I continued to
19 call 911, and when I saw nothing was being
20 resolved, or -- you know, it's just easy to
21 blow up M-80s, I called Homeland Security to
22 see if maybe they need to look into this, but I
23 figured I'd come here and let you guys know
24 because it's not something that I'm used to in

1 my neighborhood. It's like out of the blue.
2 It's like a terrorist area with the M-80s, so I
3 just wanted you to know. The police can't seem
4 to find where it's coming from, and they say
5 that they have to wait for the nighttime so
6 they can see the spark up in the sky, so I
7 don't know.

8 But the problem is resolved for now
9 because 4th of July passed, but I'm just
10 wondering about next year, and is it that I'm
11 going to have to get used to blowing up
12 explosives, so I don't know. That's it. But I
13 do have a good police department.

14 MS. LIGHTFOOT: Thank you, ma'am.

15 MS. RODRIGUEZ: You're welcome.

16 MR. FOREMAN: Next speaker,
17 Darva Watkins.

18 EvaAngel Yhwnewbn.

19 MS. LIGHTFOOT: Welcome back.

20 MS. YHWNEWBN: Can you hear?

21 MR. FOREMAN: Yes.

22 MS. YHWNEWBN: I am a descendent of
23 chattel slaves, and I am (inaudible) genocide
24 survivors. I object to the term "people of

1 color." The people of color are the Asians,
2 Arabs, white women, and Indians from India that
3 controlled the black community.

4 I didn't know that the chief of police
5 could use a robot bomb to execute a suspect
6 without any kind of due process. That was very
7 scary to me.

8 The president said that officers have
9 a right to come home; however, he didn't
10 mention that children have a right not to be
11 killed in their homes when parents call for
12 help when their child is having an autism
13 outburst, or whether --

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Amen.

15 MS. YHWNEWBN: -- teenagers -- when
16 teenagers call for help, they have a right not
17 to be killed in their homes, or when a person
18 opens the door to let the police in, while they
19 have been called out, have a right not to be
20 killed in their homes.

21 And I think Superintendent -- I'm
22 sorry he's not here -- is part of the problem
23 instead of the solution when he fails to follow
24 recommendations to fire a police officer that

1 stuck the ball of a gun down the suspect's
2 throat, when he says things like, In some case,
3 it's okay to kick a suspect in the head, or he
4 doesn't have any problem with racist rants of
5 negro phobic officers on the Internet, then it
6 becomes part of the problem instead of the
7 solution.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Amen.

9 MS. YHWNEWBN: And I wanted to say
10 that no one has mentioned the end racism
11 profiling act, and I'm wondering if it's going
12 to be necessary to file a case with the
13 United Nations under the Genocide
14 Accountability Act of 2007 before we can get
15 any results on helping to solve a problem that
16 is targeting a particular group, and it's not
17 everybody, and definitely not people of color.

18 MR. FOREMAN: Can you please wrap it
19 up, please.

20 MS. YHWNEWBN: It's going to be
21 necessary to file the case with the
22 United Nations because our concerns are falling
23 on deaf ears, and we still continue to die
24 around these United States of America on a

1 regular basis.

2 And there's no accountability no
3 matter what we do.

4 MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ma'am, we encourage
5 you to exercise whatever rights you feel to
6 express yourself. Thank you for your comments
7 today.

8 MR. FOREMAN: Next speaker is
9 Gregg Grier.

10 MR. GRIER: Good evening, Board.

11 MS. LIGHTFOOT: Good evening, sir.

12 MR. GRIER: I'm going to be brief. I
13 don't think I'm going to take the whole two
14 minutes.

15 I wanted to do a community justice
16 approach and really help out our communities
17 with a serious problems. My name is
18 Gregg Grier; I'm the president of the Southern
19 Christian Leadership Conference, First Chicago,
20 and I represent Freedom First International.

21 I am proposing a long -- a resolution
22 to a long-term problem that we've had in the
23 community and that problem is bad cops.

24 We've raised (inaudible) dollars.

1 This is the issue: We've been the problem, not
2 the resolution. We have raised (inaudible) to
3 offer a thousand dollar reward for information
4 leading to the arrest and prosecution of any
5 bad cops.

6 Bad officers are plaguing our
7 communities, and we have to rid ourselves of
8 them. So three law firms currently are doing
9 intake, and the three law firms that are doing
10 the intake will help us with volume.

11 Also, when we finish, the information
12 that we receive will also be shared with the
13 Department of Justice, U.S. State's Attorney's
14 Office, and after November, the District
15 State's Attorney's Office.

16 What we are asking the public for is
17 any information leading to any officer who has
18 an unlawful detention, uses excessive force
19 (inaudible) to the public. Any information
20 that leads to, again, the arrest and
21 prosecution of these officers as a result of
22 Section 1983, which is a violation of the
23 Civil Rights Act, Section 1983.

24 This ordinance, this federal

1 ordinance, this federal law, is tended to curb
2 excessive conduct by government and private
3 individuals, including officers and vigilante
4 groups, including the KKK. It is not called
5 Section 83 because it is where the law has been
6 published, Title 42 of the United States Code.
7 We are ready, willing, and able to share that
8 with members of the Chicago Police, and your
9 investigative community and your communities,
10 and we have already, as a result of it being
11 released today, taken in 10 cases for intake.

12 Now, if my organization can do that, I
13 would hope that you guys will be able to follow
14 us and do the same thing. We will release the
15 results to the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago
16 Sun-Times, and all of the news organizations.
17 We will see how this goes.

18 We need to get rid of bad cops. We
19 hope this public service announcement will help
20 alleviate that problem.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. FOREMAN: Thank you.

23 Next speaker, George Blakemore.

24 MR. BLAKEMORE: Black lives matter?

1 To who? I advocate. I was told to come to a
2 board meeting. I said, No, no, no. I need
3 money; I'm poor. I'm tired of coming to these
4 meetings; however, I'm here.

5 The young lady was talking about what
6 happened with Ellison, or whatever that book,
7 and it's going on and on about 50 or 60 years
8 ago. My daddy told my mommy, Take that rag off
9 your head, woman, and the girls today still
10 buying that hair, black hatred, self-hatred.

11 Nothing in their community, no stores,
12 bad schools, weak people, and so police are
13 doing what they can do. Family value,
14 marriage.

15 I was down in City Hall, a young lady
16 with black matters told -- made an
17 announcement, I'm a lady. I said, You not a
18 white lady. You can't do what a white one do,
19 and then one of the guys said, I'm a priest,
20 you can't do what the white priest do. You
21 don't have the power. You still on the
22 plantation, so black people got to educate
23 themselves. Your problem is not so much this
24 police; you is your own problem.

1 Your schools, the Arabs come over, the
2 Koreans come over. When I go to Chinatown, I
3 cry a tear. Lined up with Chinese people
4 shopping with each other, what about the south
5 side, what about Lawndale, what about Roseland,
6 Englewood? Self-hatred; the latest self
7 slavery.

8 MR. FOREMAN: Mr. Blakemore.

9 MR. BLAKEMORE: Mr. Blakemore going to
10 wrap it up real, real good. You cannot
11 legislate love. You can have all the bills you
12 want; nobody have to like you but you. So
13 sometimes you a part of the problem. If the
14 police -- some of them bring the drugs in. You
15 know how to say no? Don't you know how to say
16 no?

17 MR. FOREMAN: Thank you.

18 MR. BLAKEMORE: Be educated. Do
19 better -- everybody say better than the white
20 folks. You is not free. They control this
21 police. They control everybody.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Amen.

23 MR. BLAKEMORE: They control
24 everything.

1 We shall overcome one day. You have
2 overcome nothing.

3 Old school.

4 MR. FOREMAN: Mr. Blakemore, thank
5 you.

6 Robert More.

7 MR. BLAKEMORE: This is the 21st of
8 July, 2016, this is the...

9 MR. MORE: Board of the City of
10 Chicago of (inaudible) the extermination placed
11 here.

12 Question, what is this -- what is the
13 basis for the absence -- what is the basis of
14 the absence of the Superintendent? Why is the
15 superintendent --

16 MR. FOREMAN: Let's keep on, please.

17 MR. MORE: That's my second question,
18 why is the Superintendent not present?

19 CHIEF WALLER: He's out of town.

20 MR. MORE: Right now I guess you
21 follow up because we've got to identify what
22 the priorities, according which all this
23 activity is conducted because we got the blame
24 on Spencer Murphy. Go back nine years, which

1 still remain uninvestigated.

2 Moving on to the next issue, any and
3 all statute of limitations concerning matters
4 involving Robert More and the City of Chicago
5 will commence on the date the legitimate
6 adjudications become available to this country
7 through activities of (inaudible), protection
8 of the contract, the Constitution of the
9 United States of America. That is access to
10 the Courts, which is a right to petition
11 government grievances, first amendment
12 constitution protected, natural law of life,
13 (inaudible) it's a legal fiction, but the
14 statute of limitations will all run out of
15 time.

16 I have numerous scores to settle with
17 City of Chicago representatives, and nothing is
18 resolved in this juncture.

19 The next question is this: I demand
20 the resignation of Dr. Max Caproni because he
21 has appallingly, in his anti-Catholic agenda --
22 was chanting (inaudible), which is accusing
23 Rob More (phonetic) of anti-somatic remarks.

24 Afterwards, he doesn't substantiate

1 that claim. He doesn't retract that claim. He
2 won't answer any more questions. He hangs up
3 the phone on me when I call him regarding this,
4 so I'm demanding at this point, Dr. Caproni,
5 you should resign because you're not bearing
6 the burden of your office and the detriment is
7 being uncured by all the members of the public.

8 MR. FOREMAN: Can you wrap up.

9 MR. MORE: Next question: What is
10 there, Ms. Lightfoot, in the term "Jewish
11 premises" used by a public speaker at one of
12 these meetings that is in any way compatible
13 with the prohibitions listed in
14 Paragraph No. 4.

15 MS. LIGHTFOOT: Mr. More, your time is
16 up.

17 MR. FOREMAN: Your time is up.

18 All those people who signed up to
19 speak in advance have been recognized.

20 Is there a motion to adjourn?

21 MS. FRY: So moved.

22 MS. SWEENEY: Second.

23 MR. FOREMAN: All in favor?

24 (Chorus of Ayes.)

1 MR. FOREMAN: Motion passes. Meeting
2 is adjourned. Thank you.

3 (Whereupon, these were all the
4 proceedings had at this time.)

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