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- 1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Welcome. I'm Ghian
- 2 Foreman, and I am the president of the Chicago
- 3 Police Board, and I am calling the Board's
- 4 December 17th public meeting to order.
- 5 To protect the public's health in
- 6 response to the COVID-19 outbreak and as
- 7 permitted by Governor Pritzker's Executive
- 8 Orders 2020-07 and 2020-74, this meeting is
- 9 taking place remotely.
- This meeting is open to the
- 11 public via audio conference and is being
- 12 carried live by CAN-TV. Those participating by
- 13 phone are on mute in order to reduce background
- 14 noise and disruption. We have a court reporter
- 15 making a transcript of this meeting.
- I will begin by taking attendance
- 17 so it is clear who is participating in this
- 18 meeting. Please say here after I read your
- 19 name.
- 20 Police Board Vice President Paula
- 21 Wolff.
- 22 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Here.
- 23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board Member
- 24 Matthew Crowl.

- 1 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Here.
- 2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board Member
- 3 Michael Eaddy.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Here.
- 5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board Member
- 6 Steve Flores.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Here.
- 8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board Member
- 9 Jorge Montes. He's here.
- John O'Malley.
- BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Here.
- 12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Rhoda
- 13 Sweeney.
- BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Here.
- 15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Andrea
- 16 Zopp.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Here.
- 18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent of
- 19 Police David Brown.
- MS. O'MALLEY: Ghian, he was on for a
- 21 second. I think he is having technical issues.
- 22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief Administrator
- 23 Sydney Roberts.
- 24 CHIEF ROBERTS: Here.

- 1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Deputy Inspector For
- 2 Public Safety Deborah Witzburg.
- 3 DEPUTY INSPECTOR WITZBURG: Here.
- 4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief of the Chicago
- 5 Police Department's Bureau of Internal Affairs
- 6 Karen Konow.
- 7 CHIEF KONOW: Here.
- 8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: General counsel to the
- 9 Superintendent Dana O'Malley.
- 10 GENERAL COUNSEL O'MALLEY: Here.
- 11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief of the Chicago
- 12 Police Department Office of Operations Brian
- 13 McDermott.
- 14 CHIEF McDERMOTT: Here.
- 15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief of the Chicago
- 16 Police Department's Bureau of Detectives
- 17 Brendan Deenihan. Brendan is here.
- 18 Executive Director of the Police
- 19 Board Max Caproni.
- 20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: Here.
- 21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I'm just going to
- 22 check. Board Member Jorge Montes, he will be
- 23 joining us shortly. And Superintendent Brown,
- 24 hopefully the technical issues get resolved and

- 1 we get both of them.
- 2 We will now proceed to the items
- 3 on the meeting agenda. We'll have time at the
- 4 end of the meeting for public comments. Once
- 5 again, those participating by phone are
- 6 currently on mute in order to reduce background
- 7 noise and disruptions. When we get to the
- 8 public comment portion of the meeting, we will
- 9 unmute each speaker.
- Is there a motion to approve the
- 11 minutes of the Board's November 19th regular
- 12 public meeting?
- 13 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff.
- 14 I so move.
- 15 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy.
- 16 Second.
- 17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please
- 18 indicate by saying aye.
- 19 (CHORUS OF AYES.)
- 20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Motion passes.
- 21 The schedule of the Police
- 22 Board's monthly public meetings have been set
- and will be available on the Board's website,
- 24 ChicagoPoliceBoard.org.

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Our next regular public meeting
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     will be held on Thursday, January 21st, at 7:30
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     p.m. Whether this will be in person or a
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     remote meeting will be determined closer to the
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     meeting date.
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                   Is there a motion to close a
     series of executive sessions for the purposes
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     of considering personnel matters and litigation
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     as authorized by Sections 2(c)(1),(3),(4), and
     (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act?
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         VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff.
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     I so move.
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         BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy.
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     Second.
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         PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please
     signify by saying aye.
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                      (CHORUS OF AYES.)
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         PRESIDENT FOREMAN:
                             Opposed?
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                         (NO RESPONSE.)
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         PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Motion passes.
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                   A report of disciplinary actions
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     taken by the Board during the previous month
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     has been made available on the Board's website.
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                   The Police Board plans to
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- 1 consider at a future public meeting proposed
- 2 amendments to its rules of procedure for
- 3 disciplinary cases and to the rule governing
- 4 suspensions of officers precluded from lawfully
- 5 carrying a firearm. Drafts of these proposed
- 6 amendments will be posted for public comments
- 7 in the "Alerts" section of the Board's website.
- 8 Earlier this evening, the Board,
- 9 as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act,
- 10 met and considered minutes and recordings of
- 11 all past closed meetings to determine whether
- 12 the need for confidentiality still exists.
- The Board members unanimously
- 14 agreed that it continues to be necessary to
- 15 keep confidential the minutes and recordings of
- 16 its past meetings.
- 17 The general orders and other
- 18 directives issued by the Superintendent during
- 19 the previous months are also posted on the
- 20 Police Department's website.
- 21 I'll now turn it over to
- 22 superintendent -- well, I think -- First Deputy
- 23 Carter, are you on?
- 24 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: I'm on.

- 1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent, thank
- 2 you. You had a little technical challenge.
- 3 Glad you made it today.
- 4 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: I have 14-year-old
- 5 daughter messing with my laptop.
- 6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Absolutely.
- 7 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: I'm going to go
- 8 ahead and start. I'm going to begin by
- 9 remembering two police officers who lost their
- 10 lives in service to our City two years ago on
- 11 this very night, Officers Edwardo Marmolejo and
- 12 Conrad Gary were struck by a passing CTA train
- 13 (Technical interference) and gun. It's
- 14 important to remember their sacrifice. And I
- 15 want also the families of these officers to
- 16 know that their loved ones will forever be
- 17 remembered by the Department. That we will
- 18 never forget.
- 19 I also want to recognize for the
- 20 President and the Board that detectives that
- 21 investigated the fatal carjacking of retired
- 22 firefighter Dwain Williams on the south side
- 23 that we were all made aware of. Lieutenant
- 24 Williams was shot and killed while returning to

- 1 his vehicle after buying his favorite popcorn
- 2 in Morgan Park. A 15-year-old male was
- 3 arrested yesterday afternoon and charged with
- 4 first-degree murder and attempted robbery with
- 5 a firearm. Detectives are also interviewing an
- 6 adult that is believed to be involved in this
- 7 case as well. And we are on the lookout for
- 8 two others in this same case.
- 9 I joined Mayor Lightfoot today to
- 10 express our deep concern about search warrants
- 11 that was conducted in February of 2019, almost
- 12 two years ago. Ms. Young can be seen both
- 13 vulnerable and afraid by body-worn camera
- 14 footage of officers raiding her home.
- 15 CPD's home raid policies were
- 16 revised in January of 2020, of this year. And
- 17 this week I ordered my senior staff to perform
- 18 another thorough review and recommend even more
- 19 safequards as it relates to search warrants.
- 20 Among them, bureau chiefs, among
- 21 the highest-ranking members of the Department,
- 22 will be required to sign off on all unannounced
- 23 search warrants. These types of search
- 24 warrants would only be used when it's believed

- 1 that calling attention to the presence of law
- 2 enforcement will endanger the officers or
- 3 others.
- 4 Finally, only our SWAT team
- 5 officers will be allowed to execute unannounced
- 6 search warrants going forward.
- 7 We also are reviewing all search
- 8 warrants, not just the unannounced search
- 9 warrants, to see if there's any other mistakes
- 10 that we can find and bring those mistakes
- 11 forward, if we find them, for transparency to
- 12 the public and to hold those accountable who
- 13 made those mistakes.
- I believe these changes could
- 15 improve outcomes and another step in the
- 16 continuous efforts to improve and reform the
- 17 Department, which we are committed to.
- 18 As I said earlier today in a
- 19 press conference with the mayor, I have three
- 20 guiding tenets in my role as Superintendent and
- 21 really for my personal life. Number one,
- 22 everyone deserves a measure of respect.
- 23 Everyone. And it's always the right time to do
- 24 the right thing. And lastly, but certainly not

- 1 least, be the first to admit your mistakes.
- 2 The first. With these guiding principles, I'm
- 3 convinced that the Chicago Police Department
- 4 will emerge as a stronger and more transparent
- 5 organization.
- 6 And although these violations
- 7 occurred almost two years before my tenure
- 8 began as your superintendent, I take full
- 9 responsibility in ensuring that the integrity
- 10 of the Department is restored and that trust is
- 11 built going forward. Thank you.
- 12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you,
- 13 Superintendent.
- 14 For the record, I want to
- 15 indicate that Board Member Jorge Montes has
- 16 also joined us as well.
- 17 Thank you, Chief --
- 18 superintendent.
- 19 Next, Chief Roberts, would you
- 20 please provide your report?
- 21 CHIEF ROBERTS: Sure. Good evening,
- 22 everybody. My report today is going to be
- 23 brief. Just a few updates since we last met.
- 24 In the last month, COPA responded to and opened

- 1 for investigation four officer-involved
- 2 shootings. COPA met with residents of the 49th
- 3 Ward following the shooting incident that
- 4 occurred in Rogers Park and is scheduled to
- 5 meet with residents of the 33rd Ward relative
- 6 to the shooting incident in Albany Park that
- 7 occurred this past Saturday.
- 8 These outreach efforts, COPA
- 9 focuses on informing the communities of the
- 10 basic facts involving the incident, but we also
- 11 take the time to explain COPA's role in the
- 12 investigation of these matters, what our
- investigative protocol is, what the video
- 14 release expectations will be, and also affords
- 15 the residents an opportunity to ask us
- 16 questions.
- 17 I also wanted to make note that
- 18 COPA closed the 2018 fatal officer-involved
- 19 shooting of Mr. Maurice Granton, Junior, that
- 20 occurred in the Bronzeville neighborhood. This
- 21 case is currently pending review by the Chicago
- 22 Police Department.
- Finally, as the Superintendent
- 24 mentioned, the investigation into the search

- 1 warrant of Ms. Young's home, which was reported
- 2 to COPA in November of 2019, is an open and
- 3 pending investigation with COPA. We are coming
- 4 close to conclusion and expect to complete our
- 5 investigation by early 2021.
- 6 Mr. President, that concludes my
- 7 report.
- 8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 9 One of the things at the Police Board that we
- 10 have tried to do is start to use some of the
- 11 meetings as a way not only for the Police Board
- 12 to be educated about certain issues but to make
- 13 sure that the public can also get information
- 14 regarding issues that deal with public safety.
- Today we've asked Deputy
- 16 Inspector General for Public Safety Deborah
- 17 Witzburg to take a few minutes to summarize the
- 18 report that her office issued today. Deputy
- 19 Inspector General.
- 20 DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL WITZBURG: Thanks,
- 21 Ghian. I appreciate the opportunity to talk
- 22 about the report we issued today.
- This report deals with the use of
- 24 the affidavit override process in disciplinary

- 1 investigations conducted by CPD's Bureau of
- 2 Internal Affairs and by COPA.
- 3 The report is published on our
- 4 website. It's available there. I want to say
- 5 first that we very much appreciate CPD and
- 6 COPA's cooperation with this report, as well as
- 7 their responses. The written responses of CPD
- 8 and COPA are included in the published report
- 9 in full.
- 10 And most importantly, we
- 11 appreciate the commitments that CPD and COPA
- 12 have made to reform an improvement in response
- 13 to our recommendations.
- So what I'd like to do this
- 15 evening with a few minutes of everyone's time
- 16 is to sort of talk about the report and its
- 17 contents at a high level and then to talk about
- 18 a couple of things that I think are worthwhile
- 19 by way of context and perhaps of particular
- 20 interest to this body.
- 21 So with apologies in advance for
- 22 covering a little bit of ground which may be
- 23 known to many of you, I will start very briefly
- 24 by talking about the affidavit requirement

- 1 itself and the nature of the override process.
- 2 As a matter of state law, as well
- 3 as the collective bargaining agreements between
- 4 the City of Chicago and the representative
- 5 members of the Chicago Police Department,
- 6 allegations of police misconduct must, except
- 7 in limited exceptional circumstances, be
- 8 supported by a sworn affidavit; that is to say
- 9 that a person making a complaint against a
- 10 police officer in most circumstances unless
- 11 they are themselves a department member must
- 12 sign an affidavit in support of their
- 13 allegations.
- 14 A process exists, however, as a
- 15 matter of law and recognized by the CBAs, by
- 16 those union agreements and the Department
- 17 policies, which is called the affidavit
- 18 override process. The affidavit override is a
- 19 process by which in the absence of that sworn
- 20 affidavit, the investigating agency, in this
- 21 case in our study the BIA or COPA, may proceed
- 22 with the disciplinary investigation even in the
- 23 absence of a sworn affidavit.
- This has been a matter of much

- 1 public policy, debate and concern. Going as
- 2 far back in relatively recent history to the
- 3 Police Accountability Task Force and the
- 4 Department of Justice pattern and practice
- 5 investigation of the Chicago Police Department,
- 6 there were highlighted there concerns about the
- 7 fact that in many situations, the affidavit
- 8 requirement, the fact -- the fact that most
- 9 allegations must be supported by an affidavit
- 10 had been used as something of a shield, a
- 11 shield against accountability, and obstacle to
- 12 the completion of misconduct investigations.
- 13 And the sort of big picture
- 14 conclusion of our report is that, in fact, the
- 15 affidavit override process when used
- 16 appropriately and when it is available is an
- 17 opportunity to tremendously lower the barriers
- 18 to accountability, which may be raised in some
- 19 circumstances by the affidavit requirement.
- 20 So I'm going to talk a little bit
- 21 about the findings in our report and sort of
- 22 what those give rise to.
- We looked over a period of time
- 24 at all -- at the disciplinary investigations

- 1 which have been closed, which have come to
- 2 completion, handled by both BIA and COPA, and
- 3 found that in that population of cases, more
- 4 cases were closed without a complete
- 5 investigation for lacking an affidavit than for
- 6 any other reason -- than in any other sort of
- 7 closure category.
- 8 We found that there were
- 9 situations in which CPD, as well as both COPA
- 10 and its predecessor agency IPRA, did not pursue
- 11 an affidavit override, so did not pursue a
- 12 mechanism which would have allowed those
- 13 agencies to complete disciplinary
- 14 investigations even in the absence of those
- 15 affidavits. Those fell into a number of
- 16 different categories, including situations in
- 17 which agencies did not pursue an override even
- 18 though there was evidence that might have
- 19 supported the request for an override,
- 20 including, for example, body-worn camera
- 21 footage, in-car camera footage, witness
- 22 accounts and so on. Those cases also included
- 23 situations where the agency's closed
- 24 investigations for lacking an affidavit, even

- 1 though an investigation might have fallen into
- 2 one of those exceptional categories where no
- 3 affidavit is required.
- 4 We also found that BIA and COPA
- 5 frequently closed for lacking an affidavit
- 6 investigations which were associated with civil
- 7 suits.
- 8 So these were situations in which
- 9 the City had been sued because of an
- 10 alleg -- because of an alleged misconduct by a
- 11 member of the Chicago Police department. And
- in those situations, the agencies were even
- 13 more likely to close corresponding
- 14 investigations for lacking an affidavit, even
- 15 in spite of the risk that that poses, a
- 16 situation in which the City pays out either a
- 17 settlement or a judgment, arising out of a
- 18 course of conduct by a member of the Chicago
- 19 Police Department, which has never been
- 20 meaningfully investigated for disciplinary
- 21 purposes.
- 22 Finally, we found that
- 23 investigations that go forward on the basis of
- 24 an affidavit override are more likely to result

- 1 in sustained findings of misconduct than those
- 2 investigations which proceed otherwise.
- And I think that's an
- 4 important -- an important comfort to any
- 5 concern that the use of the override process
- 6 might give rise to sort of frivolous
- 7 complaints.
- 8 What those findings leave us with
- 9 is a picture in which there is sort of an
- 10 unnecessary obstacle to the pursuit of
- 11 accountability in the form of this affidavit
- 12 requirement.
- 13 And so there's sort of two things
- 14 within the body of the report and then two sort
- of contextual things which I want to talk
- 16 about, and then I will wrap up so that we can
- 17 get to the rest of the meeting.
- 18 A number of the recommendations
- in the report have to do with improvements to
- 20 policies and procedures of the investigating
- 21 agencies, including around the sort of quality
- 22 of the investigative record.
- So that, you know, it is
- 24 discernable from the record whether there was

- 1 evidence in place which would have supported an
- 2 affidavit override and whether the agencies
- 3 considered those possibilities.
- 4 And I think of particular
- 5 interest to many involved parties, certainly
- 6 victims or complainants, accused members, and
- 7 perhaps most particularly members of this body
- 8 as adjudicators, there are some important
- 9 indications when it comes to quality of the
- 10 investigative record.
- In the Agency's responses to our
- 12 report, which I will say again, you know, as a
- 13 general matter we very much appreciate for
- 14 their content, the -- sort of the notion raised
- 15 that there are pieces of information collected
- 16 by the investigating agencies which do not
- 17 become part of the investigative file but
- 18 rather are kept on paper outside of the
- 19 investigative -- outside of the electronic
- 20 investigative record. That is a concern from
- 21 my perspective, both as a general matter of
- 22 accountability and when it comes to the quality
- 23 of the record which might come before this
- 24 body. I think that sort of raises the specter

- 1 of disciplinary street files.
- 2 The second matter within the
- 3 report that I want to talk a little bit about
- 4 is the time period that this report covered.
- 5 The period of analysis here ends at the end of
- 6 2018. And we very much appreciate the agency's
- 7 position that there have been improvements
- 8 since that time in terms of the underlying
- 9 practices and the frequency of use of the
- 10 override process.
- I want to note, however, that
- 12 this is -- there's an awful lot of room for
- 13 improvement here. There were about a hundred
- 14 override requests over a period of 14 years.
- 15 And so improvements in that
- 16 number, while important, have a long way to go.
- 17 I think it's also important to
- 18 note that that time period extends to a couple
- 19 of years past the issuance of the task force
- 20 report and the Department of Justice report
- 21 that raised concerns about this process.
- 22 Furthermore, I know of interest
- 23 and concern to this body is sort of the length
- of the lifespan of disciplinary cases and how

- 1 long these cases take to sort of reach their
- 2 conclusion.
- I want to note in that vein, that
- 4 among the matters before the Chicago City
- 5 Council yesterday was a proposed settlement,
- 6 ultimately an approved settlement, arising out
- 7 of a lawsuit filed against the City and members
- 8 of the Chicago Police Department. There was an
- 9 approved settlement of \$295,000 arising out of
- 10 a course of conduct for which COPA had a
- 11 corresponding disciplinary investigation opened
- in 2018, which it closed for lacking an
- 13 affidavit. And so yesterday, the City approved
- 14 a payment of \$295,000 for a course of conduct
- 15 which has never been investigated for
- 16 disciplinary purposes. There has never been a
- 17 determination of whether there was, in fact,
- 18 administrative misconduct by those officers and
- 19 whether some measure of discipline is
- 20 appropriate.
- 21 Two things that I want to touch
- 22 on very quickly outside the four corners of the
- 23 report, two things. One is that in this
- 24 seeming perpetual season of contract

- 1 negotiations with the police unions, the
- 2 existence of the affidavit requirement has been
- 3 a drum much beaten in the public conversation,
- 4 and there are many advocates in this space who
- 5 have identified the elimination of that
- 6 requirement as their sort of highest priority,
- 7 and one for which the City should in terms of
- 8 the negotiations sort of pay an enormous cost.
- 9 And I think it's really
- 10 important to be clear that what our report
- 11 makes clear is that the costs of the
- 12 over -- the costs of the affidavit requirement
- 13 can be lowered tremendously -- the cost to
- 14 accountability that is, can be lowered
- 15 tremendously by the effective use of the
- 16 override process; that is to say that the
- 17 extent to which advocates see the affidavit
- 18 requirement as an obstacle to reform can be all
- 19 but overcome by the effective use of a process
- 20 that is already in place.
- 21 Another thing -- the last thing I
- 22 will say in terms of particular interest to
- 23 this body is that in thinking about the entire
- 24 universe of police misconduct complaints and

- 1 the volume of those complaints in comparison to
- 2 the relatively small volume of cases that come
- 3 before this body, it's important to think about
- 4 the fact that one of the sort of choke points
- 5 in that process, one of the points at which
- 6 meaningful allegations of police misconduct
- 7 drop off before they may be investigated or
- 8 adjudicated is closures for lacking an
- 9 affidavit. And to the extent that those
- 10 closures for lacking an affidavit could be
- 11 minimized by the appropriate use of the
- 12 override requirement, that would lead to a sort
- of more comprehensive and robust disciplinary
- 14 process and adjudication process at the end of
- 15 the lifespan which comes before this body.
- So that's sort of the big
- 17 picture. I think, you know, it is very much
- 18 our view that the affidavit override process is
- 19 one which serves the ends, both of the pursuit
- 20 of accountability and the protection of the
- 21 procedural rights of the members of the Chicago
- 22 Police Department.
- 23 And so for that reason, we
- 24 appreciate, again, CPD and COPA's commitment to

- 1 improving their policies and procedures around
- 2 the use of the process, and we look forward to
- 3 reporting on those improvements in the future
- 4 report.
- 5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Board
- 6 member Wolff.
- 7 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: I have two general
- 8 questions that you may not have the answer on
- 9 the tip of your tongue, although I would be
- 10 surprised if you didn't. The first is, is the
- 11 use of the affidavit a common practice in
- 12 jurisdictions like ours? And the second is, in
- 13 places where they do have the affidavit
- 14 requirement, is the override used more
- 15 frequently than it's used in Chicago on
- 16 average?
- 17 MS. WITZBURG: So the use of the affidavit
- 18 is, among other things, a creature of state
- 19 law. So everywhere in the State of Illinois is
- 20 subject to the affidavit requirement itself.
- 21 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: I'm sorry. I asked
- 22 the question wrong. Other jurisdictions in the
- 23 country.
- MS. WITZBURG: Oh. There are a variety of

- 1 approaches. I don't have sort of a
- 2 comprehensive comparison, in fact, on the tip
- 3 of my tongue. It is not a unique creature.
- 4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any other questions
- 5 from the Board?
- 6 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: And in the places
- 7 where it does exist, do they use the override
- 8 process more frequently than we do
- 9 proportionate to the number of cases?
- 10 MS. WITZBURG: We did not do a comparative
- 11 analysis of the use of similar processes.
- 12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I know, Superintendent
- 13 Brown and Chief Roberts, you all have some
- 14 written responses. Would you like the
- 15 opportunity to respond now?
- 16 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: I'll go first,
- 17 Sidney, if you don't mind. So, Mr. President,
- 18 I would like my general counsel, Dana O'Malley,
- 19 to chime in here. Thanks.
- MS. O'MALLEY: Hi, everyone. First want to
- 21 thank Deborah and her team. It was easy to
- 22 work with you and to work together on this
- 23 audit. Obviously a very important issue, and
- 24 we look forward to continuing to work with you

- 1 on the recommendations.
- 2 You know, our attachment A to the
- 3 report is our response to the audit, and I
- 4 think if you look at it, you'll see that we
- 5 generally accept almost all of the
- 6 recommendations, if not all of the
- 7 recommendations, and we are working on
- 8 implementing those currently.
- 9 I think it's important to note
- 10 that in February of 2019, COPA and CPD started
- 11 using a new system, the case management system,
- 12 which affords us an opportunity to accept the
- 13 recommendations that the IAG has made in a way
- 14 that we've actually already implemented those.
- 15 It gives us more of an opportunity to manage
- 16 the cases to include more information in the
- 17 case management system than what we were able
- 18 to do in CLEAR.
- In the prior system, we really
- 20 had some technology limitations that we don't
- 21 have now. So I think that that will give us an
- 22 opportunity to make these changes and accept
- 23 these recommendations a little bit faster than
- 24 we would have under our prior technology.

- 1 So we look forward to continuing
- 2 to work with PSIG on this and thank you very
- 3 much for the opportunity to respond.
- 4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Dana. Chief
- 5 Roberts.
- 6 CHIEF ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. President.
- 7 And as Dana mentioned, we really appreciate the
- 8 work of the Office of the Inspector General.
- 9 And as Deborah mentioned, the scope of this
- 10 audit was from January of 2017 to December of
- 11 2018, and it's -- the practices during that
- 12 time period are just not consistent with COPA's
- 13 current practices.
- Right now, as Dana mentioned,
- 15 significant improvements, process changes,
- 16 technology changes were implemented in 2019,
- 17 were continued implementation in 2020. I mean
- 18 COPA is a new agency. We were not a
- 19 continuation of IPRA. And as a new agency, we
- 20 had to develop processes that aligned not only
- 21 with the best investigative practices but also
- 22 aligned with compliance with the consent
- 23 degree.
- As far as an agency, we have just

- 1 matured significantly since the time period in
- 2 which this audit was conducted. And, you know,
- 3 we did look at the report, and, you know, I was
- 4 pleased to say that in almost every instance,
- 5 we were able to acknowledge that we have
- 6 already made those improvements to the process
- 7 in the last two years since that report closed.
- 8 So we'll continue to work with
- 9 the Inspector General and continue to work with
- 10 CPD.
- 11 And I think the significant case
- 12 closure of cases that have proceeded to full
- investigation is an indication that we're
- 14 taking the right cases to full investigation.
- The civil suit that's going on
- 16 right now involving Ms. Young is a case that
- 17 remains open.
- 18 And so it's just -- our practice
- 19 today is just distinctly different than what it
- 20 was during that time.
- 21 So appreciate to know that we are
- 22 headed in the right direction and look forward
- 23 to continuing to work with the Inspector
- 24 General as well as CPD in this regard. Thank

- 1 you. Appreciate it, Mr. President.
- 2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Chief. The
- 3 Police Board as authorized by the Open Meetings
- 4 Act has considered in the closed meeting
- 5 several disciplinary cases. The Board will now
- 6 take final action on those cases.
- Regarding case number 19 PB 2968,
- 8 is there a motion to find Police Officer Bobby
- 9 Weatherly guilty of filing court documents with
- 10 false information and to discharge him from the
- 11 Chicago Police Department?
- 12 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff.
- 13 So moved.
- BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy.
- 15 Second.
- 16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on
- 17 members of the Board for their votes. Wolff.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: Aye.
- 19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crowl.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Aye.
- 21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.
- BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.
- 23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye.

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes. 2 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: PRESIDENT FOREMAN: O'Malley. 3 4 BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: 5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sweeney. 6 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Aye. PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Zopp. 8 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye. 9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I also vote in favor of the motion. 10 Voting in favor are Board members 11 12 Wolff, Crowl, Eaddy, Flores, Montes, O'Malley, Sweeney, Zopp and myself. The motion passes by 13 a vote to nine to zero. 14 15 Is there a motion to adopt 16 written findings and decisions that have been 17 reviewed by all Board members who participated in this case? 18 19 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff. 20 So moved. 21 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy, second. 22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor? 23 (CHORUS OF AYES.) 24 Opposed? PRESIDENT FOREMAN:

1	(NO RESPONSE.)
2	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.
3	Regarding case number 19 PB 2953,
4	is there a motion to find Police Officer Jason
5	Burg guilty of making false reports and
6	improperly allowing an off-duty officer to
7	leave the scene of a crime and to discharge him
8	from the Chicago Police Department?
9	BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff.
10	So moved.
11	BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy.
12	Second.
13	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call upon
14	the Board members for their votes. Wolff.
15	BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: Aye.
16	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crowl.
17	BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Aye.
18	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.
19	BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.
20	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores.
21	BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye.
22	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.
23	BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.
24	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: O'Malley.

1 BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Opposed. 2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sweeney. 3 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Aye. PRESIDENT FOREMAN: 4 Zopp. 5 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye. 6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of the motion. 8 Voting in favor are Board members 9 Wolff, Crowl, Eaddy, Flores, Montes, Sweeney, Zopp and myself. Board Member O'Malley 10 11 dissents. The motion passes by a vote of eight 12 to one. 13 Is there a motion to adopt the written findings and decisions that have been 14 reviewed by all Board members who participated 15 in the case? 16 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff. 17 18 So moved. 19 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy. 20 Second. 21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor? 22 (CHORUS OF AYES.) 23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed? 24 (NO RESPONSE.)

- 1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.
  2 Regarding case number 20 PB 2970,
  - 3 the Superintendent filed charges against Police
  - 4 Officer George Stacker recommending that he be
  - 5 discharged from the Chicago Police Department
  - 6 for giving false testimony and obstructing an
  - 7 investigation. The Superintendent subsequently
  - 8 moved to withdraw these charges because Stacker
  - 9 resigned his position with the Police
- 10 Department. Is there a motion to grant the
- 11 Superintendent's motion?
- 12 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff.
- 13 So moved.
- BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy.
- 15 Second.
- 16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on the
- 17 Board members for their votes. Wolff?
- 18 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.
- 19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crowl.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Aye.
- 21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.
- BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.
- 23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye.

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes. 2 BOAR MEMBER MONTES: 3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: O'Malley. 4 BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: 5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sweeney. 6 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Aye. PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Zopp. 8 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye. 9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of 10 the motion. Voting in favor are Board members 11 Wolff, Crowl, Eaddy, Flores, Montes, O'Malley, 12 Sweeney, Zopp and myself. Motion passes by a 13 vote nine to zero. 14 The decisions in the cases on 15 which the Board took final action this evening will be entered as of today's date and will be 16 17 issued to the parties. The decisions will then 18 be posted on the Board's website. 19 There are three additional 20 disciplinary matters to announce this evening. 21 Board Members Zopp, Montes and Sweeney will 22 make these announcements. BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: You want me to go 23 first? All right. Okay. 24

1 Pursuant to Section 2-78-130 of 2 the Municipal Code of Chicago, I considered Request for Review 20-05 in which the Chief 3 Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police 4 Accountability and the Superintendent of Police 5 6 did not agree regarding the discipline of a 7 police officer. Chief Administrator Roberts 8 9 recommended that Police Officer John Catanzara 10 be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for posting statements on Facebook 11 in violation of the rules of conduct. 12 13 Superintendent Brown disagreed with certain findings and recommended that 14 15 Officer Catanzara be suspended for one year. 16 After considering this matter, it 17 is my opinion that the Superintendent did not 18 meet the burden of overcoming the Chief 19 Administrator's recommendation for discipline. 20 Based on the facts and circumstances of this 21 matter, an evidentiary hearing before the 22 Police Board is necessary to determine whether 23 Officer Catanzara violated any of the Police 24 Department's rules of conduct.

A copy of the written decision 1 2 will be posted on the Board's website as required by the Municipal Code. 3 4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Board 5 member Montes. 6 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Thank you, Mr. 7 I considered Request for Review Chairman. 20-06 in which the Chief Administrator of the 8 9 Civilian Office of the Police Accountability and the Superintendent of Police did not agree 10 regarding the discipline of a police officer. 11 Chief Administrator Roberts 12 13 recommended that Police Officer Reginal Murray be discharged from the Chicago Police 14 15 Department for committing domestic battery and making false statements. 16 17 Superintendent Brown disagreed 18 with the sustained findings for these 19 allegations. 20 After considering this matter, it 21 is my opinion that the Superintendent did not meet the burden of overcoming the Chief 22 23 Administrator's recommendation for discipline. 24 Based on the facts and

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- 1 circumstances of this matter, an evidentiary
- 2 hearing before the Police Board is necessary to
- 3 determine whether Officer Murray violated any
- 4 of the Police Department's rules of conduct.
- 5 A copy of the written decision
- 6 will be posted on the Board's website as
- 7 required by the Municipal Code. Thank you.
- 8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Judge
- 9 Sweeney.

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- 10 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Thank you, Mr.
- 11 Chairman. I considered Request for Review
- 12 20-07 in which the Chief Administrator of the
- 13 Civilian Office of Police Accountability and
- 14 the Superintendent of Police did not agree
- 15 regarding the discipline of a police officer.
- 16 Chief Administrator Roberts
- 17 recommended that Police Officer Nicosia Mathews
- 18 be discharged from the Chicago Police
- 19 Department for making threats, wearing her
- 20 uniform while off duty and for making false
- 21 statements.
- 22 Superintendent Brown disagreed
- 23 with certain findings and recommended that
- 24 Officer Mathews be suspended for five days.

1 After considering this matter, it is my opinion that the Superintendent did not 2 meet the burden of overcoming the Chief 3 4 Administrator's recommendation for discipline. 5 Based on the facts and 6 circumstances of this matter, an evidentiary hearing before the Police Board is necessary to 7 determine whether Officer Matthews violated any 8 9 of the Police Department's rules of conduct. 10 A copy of the written decision will be posted on the Board's website as 11 required by the Municipal Code. 12 13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much. As we move to the public comment section of the 14 15 meeting, I want to remind everyone of the Board's policy on participation at these 16 17 meetings. 18 We value your comments and 19 questions on police-related matters and we will 20 treat you with courtesy and respect. We expect 21 all members of the public to treat everyone at this meeting in a similar manner. Please note 22 23 that personal attacks and obscene language are strictly prohibited and that repeated 24

- 1 violations of the Board's policy may result in
- 2 the violator not being permitted to participate
- 3 in future board meetings.
- 4 I will now call upon members of
- 5 the public who signed up in advance to speak.
- 6 Each speaker will be unmuted after I call his
- 7 or her name.
- Bear with me for one second. The
- 9 first speaker is Elena G. If you can unmute
- 10 yourself.
- 11 Max, is there something they have
- 12 to press? I don't remember.
- 13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: They may need
- 14 to press \*6 to unmute themselves.
- MS. GORMLEY: Hello. Can you hear me?
- 16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes.
- 17 MS. GORMLEY: Thank you. My name Elena
- 18 Gormley. I'm a resident of the 49th Ward in
- 19 Rogers Park and I am an MSW student at the
- 20 University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Adams
- 21 College of Social Work, and I'm commenting
- 22 tonight just because I am so completely
- 23 horrified at the experience of Anjanette Young,
- 24 also a graduate of UIC Jane Adams who is a

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- 1 social worker who has devoted her career to
- 2 providing mentoring opportunities to other
- 3 black social workers which is so needed in this
- 4 field. And the terror that she experienced and
- 5 just even myself observing these videos is
- 6 completely unconscionable.
- 7 The CPD had every opportunity to
- 8 follow up to verify that the information that
- 9 they received was accurate and they failed to
- 10 do so.
- 11 And just like in my opinion,
- 12 smashing down someone's door and handcuffing
- 13 someone who is naked is never acceptable,
- 14 regardless if they had gotten to the, air
- 15 quotes, "right home," because everyone is
- 16 entitled to constitutional due process.
- We have these fundamental
- 18 protections written into our constitution, not
- 19 just to protect outstanding citizens, but to
- 20 protect the people that the state and that a
- 21 lot of the public frequently deem undeserving
- 22 of fundamental rights. These are fundamental
- 23 rights. You don't get them just by being a
- 24 good person, you get them because you are a

- 1 person.
- 2 And this is really personal to me
- 3 because social work has had its own
- 4 extraordinarily shameful history of causing
- 5 harm to marginalized groups.
- 6 If I ever became aware of a
- 7 social work colleague who restrained a naked
- 8 person, I would frankly move heaven and earth
- 9 and would risk my professional career to ensure
- 10 they were held accountable for their actions
- and would work to repair the harm they caused.
- 12 I fully expect real
- 13 accountability and concrete changes in policy
- 14 to ensure that what happened to Anjanette Young
- 15 never happens to anyone else in Chicago. It
- 16 has to be more than just the words that
- 17 Superintendent Brown has said tonight at this
- 18 meeting.
- 19 I have an ethical mandate to end
- 20 all forms of oppression, and I take that really
- 21 seriously. And I'm just so disappointed that
- 22 CPD continues to fail to meet basic benchmarks
- 23 of the Consent Decree and -- but so many of the
- 24 -- so many of the officers hold such open

- 1 contempt for the citizens that they are sworn
- 2 to protect and serve. Thank you.
- 3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 4 Next speaker, Nicole Johnson. If you can press
- 5 \*6.
- 6 MS. JOHNSON: Hello? Hi. Good evening,
- 7 everybody. Can you hear me?
- 8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening.
- 9 MS. JOHNSON: Good evening, President
- 10 Foreman and Vice President Wolff and remaining
- 11 Board members. My name is Nicole Jeannine
- 12 Johnson. I am a proud Englewood resident where
- 13 I grew up. I'm a very active, concerned and
- 14 committed public servant. And tonight I'm
- 15 speaking up for black women.
- On Monday, November 14th, 1842,
- 17 the first slave auction in Chicago was held on
- 18 the southeast corner of LaSalle and Randolph
- 19 Streets, right where City Hall stands today.
- 20 On February 21st, 2019, just a
- 21 few days shy of the new administration -- for
- 22 the turning over of new administration here in
- 23 the City of Chicago, police officers raided the
- 24 home of my fellow sister in Christ, Anjanette

- 1 Young. Nine white officers bombarded her
- 2 bedroom, handcuffed her as she stood there in
- 3 horror, naked and alone. It wasn't until much
- 4 time passed until she was given a blanket to
- 5 cover her body, but that was ineffective to
- 6 cover her as her hands were handcuffed.
- 7 These images are quite triggering
- 8 and reminiscent of enslaved black women
- 9 standing on the auction block, similar to what
- 10 happened on November 14th, 1842.
- 11 My message is simple. When the
- 12 Board is tasked to administer disciplinary
- 13 actions against the officers that not only
- 14 ordered the raid but those that conducted it, I
- 15 ask that you have -- you bear this image in
- 16 your head. Be mindful that the experiences
- 17 that black Chicagoans and black people across
- 18 the entire diaspora experience with police date
- 19 back to slavery.
- As we are now 401 years since
- 21 the first slaves came to this country, it would
- 22 behoove us to move swiftly on this and ensure
- 23 justice is served.
- 24 If the uprisings of June 2020

- 1 taught us anything, justice and retribution
- 2 must be served to black people or we will all
- 3 perish.
- 4 Some may say this happened in the
- 5 previous administration, but the calls for
- 6 justice, whether the harm has been done now or
- 7 later, they're responsible now. Thank you.
- PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 9 Next speaker, Linda Hudson. Press \*6 to
- 10 unmute.
- 11 MS. HUDSON: Good evening. My name is
- 12 Linda Hudson and I live in the 8th Ward. In
- 13 October, I attended a Coffee with the Commander
- 14 event at a McDonald's restaurant with Commander
- 15 Rubio. I told Commander Rubio about illegal
- 16 activity on my block that included high-end
- 17 cars and I later found out guns as well were
- 18 involved.
- 19 Commander Rubio gave me his
- 20 e-mail address and asked that I forward any
- 21 information to him, which I did. I also
- 22 included license plate numbers and a picture of
- 23 the suspects. Never heard anything else from
- 24 Commander Rubio.

- 1 On November 5th at around 1:45
- 2 p.m., I witnessed a drug deal from these same
- 3 neighbors and I called 911. I gave the
- 4 dispatcher a description of the van, including
- 5 the license plates number and a description of
- 6 the people involved. The suspects completed
- 7 their transaction at 2:30. Mind you, I called
- 8 at 1:45.
- 9 I waited by my window another
- 10 fifteen minutes to make sure that it was
- 11 exactly one hour from the time that I called
- 12 and no one from the 4th District showed up.
- We're constantly being bombarded
- 14 with the message of, If you see something, say
- 15 something. I saw something, I said something
- 16 and no one showed up.
- 17 What do you do when you see
- 18 something and no one shows up?
- 19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.
- 20 Superintendent.
- 21 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: I have Chief of
- 22 Patrol over all of the districts, Brian
- 23 McDermott, on this Police Board meeting, and he
- 24 just heard that. And, Brian, let's get a

- 1 follow-up. And, Mr. President, if we can get
- 2 the contact information of the recent speaker
- 3 so we can get Rubio and the Chief of Patrol
- 4 Brian McDermott to respond and get an answer to
- 5 why we didn't do what she asked and what we can
- 6 do to correct that problem there in her
- 7 community. We would appreciate it.
- 8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir. Ms. Hudson,
- 9 is it okay if I ask Max Caproni to pass the
- 10 information to CPD?
- 11 MR. HUDSON: Sure.
- 12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- MS. HUDSON: Thank you.
- 14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, Celia
- 15 Colon. If you can press \*6 to unmute. Celia
- 16 Colon.
- 17 I'll come back and see just to
- 18 ensure.
- 19 Next speaker, Jennifer Edwards.
- MS. EDWARDS: Good evening.
- 21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening.
- MS. EDWARDS: Hope everybody is okay this
- 23 evening. I e-mailed prior to the meeting our
- 24 narratives, so I'll be brief.

- 1 We thank you for attending the --
- 2 the numerous crime issues in our districts. We
- 3 are organizing residents in the 6th, 20th, 7th,
- 4 8th and 9th wards. In organizing our
- 5 neighbors, we're getting them into the habit of
- 6 reporting crimes, and if not possible, to
- 7 communicate the situation with us.
- 8 In organizing, we connected with
- 9 the commanders and CAPS staff of the 3rd, 6th,
- 10 7th and 4th Districts. We understand that the
- 11 commanders of the 3rd, 6th and 7th Districts
- 12 have changed recently, and we hope that the
- 13 Superintendent will connect us with a new
- 14 command staff so we may continue to
- 15 collaborate.
- We also appreciate working with
- 17 Commander Novalez and he, in turn, connecting
- 18 us with Chief McDermott.
- 19 We will continue collaboration
- 20 with them and the Cook County Sheriff
- 21 initiatives.
- We'd ask community members to
- 23 give descriptions of problem areas, most having
- 24 to do with drug activity in the 3rd and the 6th

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- 1 Districts. I'll briefly just read off some of
- 2 the addresses. You guys can contact me with a
- 3 little bit more about the narrative. 3rd
- 4 District, 7330 South Saint Lawrence. 702 East
- 5 72nd Street. 72nd Street between Saint
- 6 Lawrence and Champlain at the mouth of the
- 7 alley. 73rd block of Champlain. 72nd Street,
- 8 7217 Saint Lawrence. 75th and Cottage Grove,
- 9 Saint Lawrence, Langley, these are all drug
- 10 sales. 72nd to 75th and Eberhart. Especially
- 11 74th and Eberhart. And I have the times listed
- 12 in our narrative. That's the 3rd District.
- 13 6th District, 7701 South State
- 14 Street. It's a car wash. The Mobil station at
- 15 7601 South State. The BP station at 7559 South
- 16 State Street, a carjacking.
- 17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Ms. Edwards, if I can
- 18 ask if you can give me the -- all the
- 19 specifics, I can pass it along. We're at time
- 20 now, but I will be sure to pass specifics
- 21 along.
- 22 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Thank you.
- 23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you for your
- 24 continued participation.

Next speaker, Helena Haley. 1 2 Next speaker Lori Burns. 3 MS. BURNS: Can you hear me? Thank you for addressing our concerns. CAPS is the only 4 police resident interface that I know of, but 5 6 we're struggling to make this connection effective in the 6th District. 7 8 For example, between Friday 9 December 11th and Tuesday December 15th, four 10 different phone calls were made to our CAPS office to order to gather information about a 11 home invasion murder that occurred on the next 12 block, the 500 block of East 89th Street. 13 14 Twice no one answered and the voicemail was 15 Third call, the officer would not say full. who the detective is, but said that I would get 16 a call back with whatever information could be 17 18 The fourth call, the officer took a 19 handwritten message for our CAPS liaison 20 officer, and then I later learned he was on 21 vacation, so I don't expect to get a call back 22 from anybody. 23 And, I'm sorry. My neighbor was murdered at home, and we think that's a big 24

- 1 deal. We're not used to having just murdered
- 2 people on our block every day.
- 3 Unfortunately, this is one
- 4 example of many. In response to the third and
- 5 violent crime and carjacking just last week,
- 6 the Deputy Chief told us, our residents, CPD
- 7 will catch these offenders from community tips.
- 8 Well, I regularly endure our beat meetings, and
- 9 I'm just learning to keep just trying. But
- 10 what about those residents who can't or won't
- 11 because they shouldn't have to just keep
- 12 trying?
- So, specifically, how are people
- 14 in the CAPS offices trained and evaluated? If
- 15 people in the CAPS office don't have the
- 16 technical or soft skills that they need, what
- 17 is the fix?
- 18 There are residents who are
- 19 ready, willing and able and capable of helping.
- 20 How can we help CAPS be better?
- 21 As taxpaying, law-abiding
- 22 residents, we deserve better. So this is a
- 23 complaint. It's an offer to help. And it's a
- 24 request for specific solutions. Thank you very

- 1 much.
- 2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Next
- 3 speaker, Eunice Chatman-Regis.
- 4 MS. CHATMAN-REGIS: Hello, can you hear me?
- 5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.
- 6 MS. CHATMAN-REGIS: Good evening. I'm
- 7 continuing my report I wasn't able to finish
- 8 last month.
- 9 I'm an active member of the 79th
- 10 and Eberhart Block Club and my complaint still
- involves Family Market Fresh Meat Market, 457
- 12 East 79th Street, 519 East 79th Street.
- I'm grateful that you guys
- 14 reached out to me, somebody from Superintendent
- 15 Brown's office and 6th District CAPS office,
- 16 but they just -- CAPS office just reached out
- 17 to me recently before this meeting. And I am
- 18 still concerned because we're still calling 911
- 19 and getting FAR numbers from 311 regarding
- 20 people congregating inside 457, on that corner
- 21 wearing black and red, we're concerned about
- 22 that. We've had roll call by the Sheriff's
- 23 Department two years ago. Is that going to
- 24 happen again? 6th Ward, complaining to the

- 1 Alderman Sawyer does no good.
- 2 The owner of the store -- the
- 3 renter of the store 457 says he is never going
- 4 to leave. Why does he say that? There's
- 5 currently loitering in front of the store, down
- 6 the block, alongside the store, even in
- 7 inclement weather with loud profanity and
- 8 boisterous activity. The drug activities and
- 9 gang activities is the reason why they refuse
- 10 to leave. And we've had unprecedented home
- invasions that had never occurred before.
- I thank you for listening to me,
- 13 but it is concerning that Commander Mohammad's
- 14 only been here two years and he's gone already.
- We never have a regular person --
- 16 police officers in our district because it is
- 17 considered a training district.
- 18 How can we establish a
- 19 relationship with the public and build our
- 20 camaraderie if they keep changing and this is a
- 21 heavy crime and now we got spiraling
- 22 carjackings in our area.
- I thank you for your time and
- 24 have a blessed evening and holiday season.

- 1 Thank you.
- 2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 3 The next speaker is Gale Saulsberry.
- 4 MS. SAULSBERRY: Thank you very much. I
- 5 appreciate it. This is Gale Saulsberry. I
- 6 reside in the 6th District, beat 624.
- 7 For decades, I have lived at 7917
- 8 South Evans and am having a problem and I truly
- 9 need your assistance.
- 10 Happy Liquors has contributed to
- 11 the public intoxication occurring at 79th and
- 12 Cottage Grove. The patrons of Happy Liquors
- 13 sit at the T of the alley on 79th Street on the
- 14 west side of Cottage Grove sharing the alley
- 15 with Evans Avenue. Not only do the patrons
- 16 practice public intoxication daily but public
- 17 urination is also practiced in the alley and
- 18 also behind 7915 and my address 7917 South
- 19 Evans. It's frequent that when I go out to go
- 20 into the garage, that I have to wait for people
- 21 to be in front of my garage with public
- 22 urination.
- 23 Sitting in my backyard to enjoy
- 24 peace and quite is rare as the patrons from

- 1 Happy Liquors speak loudly and disrupt my peace
- 2 in the area. Calling 911 to complain is a
- 3 daily occurrence. Sometimes I see the police
- 4 respond to calls; however, many calls do
- 5 not -- they go unrepresented.
- The security cameras that I have
- 7 on my garage have not deterred this activity.
- 8 I'm at wit's end. And at one point I was
- 9 steadfast and said I would turn around the area
- 10 and change the poor quality of life and now I
- 11 feel it's a losing battle and should move to
- 12 experience a better quality of life that is
- 13 promised to Chicagoans.
- 14 Suggestions to rectify the
- 15 problem is, one, to vote the street from 79th
- 16 Street from King Drive to Greenwood dry of
- 17 alcoholic beverages; and B is to remove the
- 18 wooden fence surrounding the Gift of Life
- 19 parking lot to allow visibility between Cottage
- 20 Grove and Evans at 79th Street.
- In addition to that, police are
- 22 often nonresponsive to calls for cars parked at
- 23 the fire hydrant at 7930 South Evans, as we do
- 24 have residential zone parking 7, 8, 9. And

- 1 when I call, I don't get -- often times the
- 2 police don't come to write tickets as well.
- 3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I apologize, Ms.
- 4 Saulsberry, you're at time. Any other points,
- 5 if you can get them to Max or to me, I can make
- 6 sure that I can relay that over to CPD.
- 7 MS. SAULSBERRY: Thank you. Those are my
- 8 only points. I just want to know what I should
- 9 do at this point.
- 10 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay. Superintendent.
- 11 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yes, I appreciate
- 12 you making us aware. My office and the Chief
- of Patrol is on this meeting, Zoom, and we'll
- 14 get you a response. And I've been e-mailing
- 15 while these calls have been going on. This is
- 16 not acceptable and this has to improve. Our
- 17 community response and these concerns need to
- 18 improve immediately. So thank you for making
- 19 me aware. I really appreciate it.
- 20 MS. SAULSBERRY: Thank you very much.
- 21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. June
- 22 Norfleet. Ms. Norfleet, if you can press \*6.
- 23 Ms. Norfleet.
- Next speaker, Matt Brandon.

- 1 MS. NORFLEET: Hello.
- 2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Ms. Norfleet?
- 3 Wonderful.
- 4 MS. NORFLEET: Greetings to all of my
- 5 Chicago neighbors and sincere best wishes that
- 6 the heart of season will abide gently with you
- 7 and your loved ones.
- 8 I can tell you without a doubt
- 9 this has been an unprecedented year of civic
- 10 education. And in my years -- in my year
- 11 presenting to the Board, I have seen the public
- 12 participation grow. That is good. And I
- 13 joyously commend my neighbors in voicing their
- 14 concern.
- Good evening, Superintendent.
- 16 I'm sure you are getting an earful. Even those
- 17 whose perspective I may differ with, I have
- 18 learned so much. And as we settle in to watch
- 19 that seasonal favorite, The Wizard of Oz, let
- 20 me reflect that this year has shown that we are
- 21 the voice and the power behind the curtain.
- 22 Therefore, Superintendent, with our voice we
- 23 are telling you about our challenges. We are
- 24 asking that you use our resources, that is the

- 1 CPD, for response to these crimes. Our request
- 2 is strong and it is firm. Continuous criminal
- 3 activity in the areas that have been identified
- 4 is unacceptable and must be halted.
- 5 Superintendent, we have presented
- 6 you with a litany of troubled spots, hot spots.
- 7 We need you to require the local districts to
- 8 address these concerns and these crimes, and we
- 9 further ask that a full report of a specific
- 10 request for each of these hot spots of criminal
- 11 activity is provided for us at the next Police
- 12 Board meeting and in the interim to local
- 13 citizens in the affected area.
- On another issue, Superintendent,
- 15 we encourage you and the CPD staff to continue
- 16 with all due diligence in developing and
- 17 uncover all material to support the charges
- 18 brought forth by Cook County State's Attorney
- 19 Kim Fox against the perpetrators and the
- 20 homicides of our valued slained firefighter
- 21 Lieutenant Duane Williams.
- We believe that the excellent
- 23 work that CPD can do will support the State's
- 24 Attorney's charges and even upgrade them two

- 1 charges to adult status. And we here now
- 2 support such an upgrade.
- Additionally, we ask that any
- 4 accomplice are similarly identified and
- 5 appropriately charged. No slip-ups, okay, guys
- 6 and ladies.
- 7 May we all transition into joy
- 8 and peace in the near future and I leave you in
- 9 communique infinity. My name is June Norfleet.
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Ms.
- 12 Norfleet.
- Next speaker, Matt Brandon.
- MR. BRANDON: Good evening. First of all,
- 15 I would like to ask everybody on this call not
- 16 to paint the entire Chicago Police Department
- 17 with one brush. Every profession has its
- 18 problems and it's up to the leaders to fix it
- 19 and we are asking that they do.
- 20 President Foreman, we, the
- 21 Communities Organized to Win, want to first
- thank the men and women of the Chicago Police
- 23 Department for their continued dedication to
- 24 duty during this deadly pandemic. You remain

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in the thoughts and prayers of many of our 1 2 communities. Stay safe. 3 COW has had the opportunity to 4 meet via Zoom and speak with Commander Angel Novalez of the CAPS program. Commander Novalez 5 took 90 minutes from his busy schedule to 6 address questions and recommendations that were 7 presented to him for his review prior to our 8 9 meeting. 10 Superintendent Brown is to be congratulated on the selection of Commander 11 12 Novalez to lead the CAPS program. 13 We look forward to working with 14 the Commander and trust in his commitment to 15 building the bridge between the police department and the community. 16 17 We will continue to meet monthly 18 and introduce community leaders in our network 19 to Commander Novalez. 20 Congratulations to the new 21 commanders of the 3rd, 6th and 7th District. 22 COW works with many community 23 members and groups in those districts and looks

forward to meeting and working with these new

- 1 leaders.
- 2 Congratulations to former
- 3 Commander Snelling and Mohammad on their
- 4 promotions. They will be missed.
- 5 COW is continuing to enlist
- 6 members of the various community partners
- 7 with -- partners we partner with in preparation
- 8 to the implementation of the Superintendent's
- 9 Neighborhood Policing Initiative. COW also
- 10 works closely with the Cook County Sheriff's
- 11 unit assigned here on the south side in support
- 12 of CPD.
- 13 As this is the season of giving,
- 14 COW commits to giving our full support to the
- 15 efforts of law enforcement that follows policy,
- 16 procedure, and general orders and engages with
- 17 the communities they serve.
- We wish all of you and your
- 19 family a happy and safe holiday season. Thank
- 20 you.
- 21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 22 Next speaker, Robert More.
- MR. MORE: Mr. Foreman, can you hear me?
- 24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir.

- 1 MR. MORE: I got to get off this other
- 2 phone. I can only use one, right?
- 3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir.
- 4 MR. MORE: Hold on just a second. Real
- 5 quick here.
- 6 Mr. Superintendent, my
- 7 understanding -- can you hear me, Mr. Foreman?
- PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir, we can.
- 9 MR. MORE: Okay. I want to make sure this
- 10 phone is still on, right?
- 11 Superintendent, I need to know,
- 12 your e-mail address is DMB@ChicagoPolice.org,
- 13 correct?
- 14 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: No, that is not.
- 15 No, it is not DMB. I will have that sent to
- 16 you through the Board.
- 17 MR. MORE: Thank you.
- 18 Next issue is I got to get
- 19 moving. I'm complaining of 5Gs being installed
- 20 in Chicago that constitute reckless
- 21 endangerment. Research's got to be conducted
- investigation's got to be conducted on 5G.
- 23 Okay? It's -- the whole thing is part of a
- 24 weaponization to the population reduction

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- without having to worry about backfire from 1
- sabotage from inside of the police entities and 2
- 3 the military.
- 4 I'm getting remote control
- commandeering of electronic devices on all 5
- 6 different devices continually in different
- situations. I need to get a police report 7
- I need an investigation. 8 made.
- 9 Also, there's a wrongful
- death/murder/attempted murder fund for myself 10
- and all people who fit the same profile that's 11
- been established at the institute of St. 12
- Michael the Archangel on the website. I 13
- provided that information, the URL before. 14 And
- 15 then there is separate one which my brother put
- up for myself. So I need to get protocols if 16
- 17 my body should be found or bodies of other
- 18 patriots are found so that we can get
- 19 legitimate investigations and make sure that --
- 20 because patriots are getting knocked off and
- 21 are going to be getting knocked off coming up
- 22 here with -- coming with Trump evidently.
- 23 NaturalNews.com, Mike Adams, and also Robert
- David Steele are talking about this election 24

- 1 was definitely stolen, and it might come down
- 2 to use the Insurrection Act and use the
- 3 military on the streets of at least the five
- 4 states and then probably go nationwide then.
- 5 And that's going to be a real huge problem.
- 6 We're in an ambush. The country
- 7 is in an ambush. And we need to get legitimate
- 8 investigation by the Chicago Police Department
- 9 of the rioting, the looting, the mayhem of the
- 10 last seven months, that it reaches not to just
- 11 what's called the deep state but the super
- 12 cloud cover global plantation owners.
- 13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Mr. More.
- 14 At this time, all of the members of the public
- 15 who signed up in advance to speak have been
- 16 called upon.
- 17 Before I call -- ask for a motion
- 18 to adjourn, I just wanted to publicly state
- 19 thank you -- Queen Sister, if you will stop for
- 20 a second, perhaps it's an oversight. We are in
- 21 the time of Zoom. Maybe it passed us. I will
- 22 call on you.
- 23 Queen Sister, if you would like
- 24 to speak. Please unmute, Queen Sister. Queen

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- 1 Sister? 2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: \*6 to unmute. 3 MS. QUEEN SISTER: Can you hear me? 4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am. 5 MS. QUEEN SISTER: Okay. Hello, I'd like to pay homage to Titus, Titus Moore, officer of 6 That he will be well missed in these the CPD. streets. He was a genuine officer. And I 8 9 think that has gone overlooked. 10 Allow me to say that we -- the women and mothers and legal citizens of the 11 12 City of Chicago have some genuine concerns regarding your determining factors in formulas 13 as it applies to the reward eligibility for 14 15 intervention with our victims of gun violence. We are asking that a real-time reward 16 17 availability for an account be established, 18 Ghian, to recognize one's efforts and 19 achievements as they apply to providing 20 information to you all as these bodies are
  - There should be a reward for

dropping in these streets.

- juveniles under the age of 13. You know, we
- don't understand your eeny meeny miny moe

- 1 practice in determining who is eligible for
- 2 rewards and who is not. It needs to be
- 3 clarified if you are seriously considering
- 4 catching these assailants that are eliminating
- 5 these young black bodies of -- from the City.
- Now, we're truly asking that you
- 7 honor this real-time reward availability with
- 8 expeditious authority and a collaboration
- 9 effort and a genuine expression of good faith
- 10 towards crime reduction and the preservation of
- 11 young life here in the City of Chicago.
- Now let me also say towards
- 13 Anjanette Young. You all have created a
- 14 modern-day Sarah Baartman. And at some point
- 15 "I'm sorry" is inefficient. And "I'm sorry" is
- 16 just not enough, Ghian. That's all I'm going
- 17 to say here.
- 18 Superintendent Brown, you need to
- 19 call me. One love, one village.
- 20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Queen
- 21 Sister.
- 22 Celia Colon.
- 23 MS. NOEL: This is Krista. I was on the
- 24 list along with one of the GoodKids MadCity,

- 1 Alycia. So I'm not sure why you guys don't
- 2 have us, but I'm going to let you go on and --
- 3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: No, no, no. For the
- 4 record, this is Krista Noel. Ms. Noel.
- 5 MS. NOEL: Yeah. I'm going to let you call
- 6 on. You call Celia. You can come back to me.
- 7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay. Celia Colon.
- 8 Ms. Colon, if you can press \*6. Ms. Colon?
- 9 Krista, Ms. Noel, if you would
- 10 like to speak now. We'll try to see if we can
- 11 work out the technical difficulties with Ms.
- 12 Colon.
- MS. NOEL: Hold on. Okay. Can you still
- 14 hear me?
- 15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.
- MS. NOEL: Well, you know, I am beyond PO'd
- 17 when it comes to what happened to Anjanette.
- 18 And I would guess that you all would expect me
- 19 to have felt this way.
- There are no words to describe I
- 21 think the shock that every black woman
- 22 experienced when she found out that this had
- 23 happened to a black woman. Now, this is an
- 24 educated black woman. But I don't care if

- 1 she's educated or not, because it shouldn't
- 2 have happened.
- I expect the movement on this
- 4 case, on this investigation to be swift. I
- 5 don't think it's needed, or it shouldn't have,
- 6 it should be, you know, in investigative mode.
- 7 There should have been a decision on this. And
- 8 those cops that allowed a woman, a black
- 9 woman -- like the baby said, it goes back, it
- 10 goes way back. We cannot allow for this
- 11 anymore. We cannot allow you to dehumanize us
- 12 like this. She's a human being. Always has
- 13 been, always will be. African people in
- 14 America and across the world are human beings,
- 15 and we need to start being treated like we're
- 16 human beings.
- Now, if I have to tell you 43
- 18 times you're in the wrong place, there's
- 19 something wrong with you. But you know what it
- 20 reflects? It reflects how police officers,
- 21 cops, don't respect us when we open our mouths
- 22 and tell you, You wrong.
- 23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.
- MS. NOEL: Why do we have to continue down

- 1 this path?
- 2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Ms. Noel, thank you.
- 3 MS. NOEL: Start treating us the way we
- 4 need to be treated. We need to be treated like
- 5 human beings.
- 6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Ms. Noel, thank you.
- 7 Your time is up.
- 8 You also indicated that there was
- 9 someone else who was on the line who signed up.
- 10 I don't have a name for the person. Do you
- 11 have a name?
- 12 MS. NOEL: Yes. Alycia from GoodKids
- 13 MadCity should be on the line. And I'm not
- 14 sure if Celia can get on. But, yeah, Alycia
- 15 from GoodKids MadCity.
- 16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Alycia, if you are on,
- 17 if you can press \*6. Alycia? Celia? Not
- 18 hearing them, I'm going to move on.
- 19 So I was saying that I wanted to
- 20 thank all of the members of the public who
- 21 routinely and continuously participated in this
- 22 Police Board process. It's an important
- 23 process.
- MS. COLON: This is Celia Colon.

- 1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Wonderful.
- 2 MS. COLON: It kept saying it wouldn't
- 3 allow me to unmute. Can I speak now or are you
- 4 going to somebody else?
- 5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, please.
- 6 MS. COLON: Thank you. Give me one second.
- 7 So when I say defund the police, that means
- 8 invest in community.
- 9 The trauma that we've been
- 10 experiencing (Technical interference) in the
- 11 communities -- (Technical interference) we
- 12 cannot continue to fight violence with more
- 13 violence --
- 14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Ms. Colon, we're losing
- 15 you.
- 16 MS. COLON: -- harming us and not killing
- 17 us. When it comes to Latinx community, we're
- 18 not even thought of. We're not even engaged at
- 19 all by the CPD. No outreach is ever done.
- 20 Especially when it came to being a part of the
- 21 use-of-force workforce group, there was never
- 22 any outreach at all done to the Latinx
- 23 community that does not speak English, and that
- 24 was pure slap-in-the-face structural violence

- 1 against the Latinx community.
- 2 The fact that the racist
- 3 structural violence against black and brown
- 4 women continue in this community and go
- 5 undisregarded (sic) about our lives needs to
- 6 stop. There needs to be more investment in the
- 7 communities to stop all the violence. Thank
- 8 you.
- 9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 10 So I was saying thank you very much to the
- 11 members of the public who participate. Your
- 12 voice is very important. The feedback does not
- 13 go unheard. You know, we ensure that CPD
- 14 reports back to us based on the feedback that
- 15 we hear.
- 16 And to CPD and to the
- 17 Superintendent, Superintendent Brown, was not
- 18 the plan for your new job to start like this,
- 19 but we're grateful for you and the work that
- 20 you've been putting in and the changes that
- 21 you've been making.
- Same thing Chief Roberts, the
- 23 work that your team has been putting in. We're
- 24 grateful. And the police, we're grateful. And

- 1 OIG, Deborah, your team.
- 2 So we're looking really to 2021
- 3 to continue this process of what we've been
- 4 doing. It is not our normal process. Zoom is
- 5 our new normal. But together we continue to
- 6 work like this. We'll continue to make
- 7 changes. And the changes are not going to be
- 8 easy and they're not going to be guick. But
- 9 when we continue to work together like this as
- 10 one Chicago, I think that we ultimately will
- 11 start to see some of the changes we all want to
- 12 see.
- With that said, let me go to
- 14 my -- at this point I'm going to ask is there a
- 15 motion to adjourn?
- 16 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: I so move. And I
- 17 also second your last comments. This is Paula
- 18 Wolff.
- 19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay. Is there a
- 20 second?
- 21 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second.
- 22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please
- 23 signify by saying aye.
- 24 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

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         PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes and
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     the meeting is adjourned.
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                   Happy holidays to everyone and
     please, everyone, stay safe. Thank you so
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