

**CITY OF CHICAGO  
DISTRICT COUNCIL 002  
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Meeting Type:** ☒ Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

**Date:** September 30, 2025

**Location:** Washington Park Field House, 5531 S. King Drive, Chicago, IL

**Start Time:** 6:00 PM

**Adjournment:** 6:45 PM

**Quorum Met:** Yes

According to the Open Meetings Act (OMA), a quorum requires at least two of the three members to be present in person.

<b>District Council Member</b>	<b>In-Person</b>	<b>Remote</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Ephraim Lee (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marquinn McDonald (Nominator)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alexander Perez (Community Engagement)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Ephraim Lee. Quorum was declared with two members present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of July 29, 2025.

### **Chair Updates and Crime Data**

Chair Lee presented crime data from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for August 2025.

#### **CTA-Related Crime:**

- Two crimes reviewed, both approved for prosecution
- Fifteen felony retail theft cases reviewed, fourteen approved
- Forty-five felony automatic firearm cases reviewed, forty-three approved
- Seventeen domestic violence cases reviewed, sixteen approved

- Eight escape cases reviewed, all approved

### **Second District Overall:**

- One felony automatic firearm case reviewed and approved
- Two domestic violence cases reviewed and approved
- Seventy-one felony retail theft cases reviewed, sixty-eight approved
- Thirty-two pretrial detention requests filed, twenty-one approved
- Forty-six adult felony cases prosecuted, thirty convictions obtained
- Thirty-two domestic battery cases filed: eleven detention requests, seven approved
- Fifteen unlawful weapon use cases filed: eight detention requests, seven approved
- Aggravated battery cases resulted in 100% approval rates for detention

The council noted a decline in negative CPD actions since its establishment and emphasized that official data contradicts negative media portrayals of crime in Chicago.

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### **Federal and State Intervention**

Reports indicated approximately 300 ICE officers operating in Millennium Park, the Magnificent Mile, South Shore, and Back of the Yards. Federal discussions considered National Guard deployment in Chicago but were later redirected to Memphis. President Trump expressed support for troop deployment to protect ICE operations.

The council reaffirmed opposition to ICE raids and National Guard deployment, condemning the targeting of non-criminal immigrants. Members encouraged residents to document ICE activity, contact elected officials, and report detentions or disappearances. Chicago's sanctuary city status and humanitarian traditions were reaffirmed.

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### **Community Policing and Engagement**

Two upcoming Community Conversations were announced:

- October 22, 2025, Oakwood Shores Community Center
- November 22, 2025, Washington Park Refectory

The council emphasized resolving concerns locally, highlighted improvements in community-police relations, and encouraged residents to bring issues to the council level for faster resolution. Due process protections were also underscored.

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### **Block Clubs and Neighborhood Organizing**

A representative from the Champlain block club testified about its formation following local shootings. Since its establishment, no further incidents have occurred. Activities included block parties, group chats, mutual aid (such as package collection), and collaboration with CPD during a burglary. The club also promoted restorative justice in youth cases.

The council encouraged the creation of additional block clubs and pledged support and resources.

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## **School Safety**

A recent false active shooter calls at a local school prompted a soft lockdown and immediate CPD response. The incident highlighted the importance of strong communication networks between schools, block clubs, and local businesses.

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## **Officer Conduct and Oversight**

Complaints filed in the Second District included eight with COPA and thirty-three with the Bureau of Internal Affairs. Of these, three were sustained and three were not sustained. Reported complaints included:

- Excessive force (four cases)
- Sexual misconduct (two cases)
- Verbal abuse (one case)

The council acknowledged progress but emphasized the need for ongoing vigilance regarding officer conduct.

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## **ICE Activity Response Protocol**

Residents were reminded to call the **ICIRR Family Support Hotline** at **(855) 435-7693** to report ICE activity. The SALUTE method was promoted for accurate reporting: Size and Strength, Actions, Location, Uniform, Time/Date, and Equipment.

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## **Closing Remarks**

Councilor Marquinn McDonald urged resilience, unity, and resistance to fear. He emphasized American values, checks and balances, and collective action. In light of the potential federal government shutdown at midnight, he encouraged continued pursuit of peace and justice.

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## **Announcements and Upcoming Meetings**

- **District Council Regular Meeting:** October 14, 2025 – 6:00 PM, Washington Park Field House, 6531 S. King Drive
- **Nominating Committee Meeting:** October 16, 2025 – 6:00 PM, Ping Field House
- **Community Conversations:**
  - October 22, 2025 – 6:00 PM, Oakwood Shores Community Center
  - November 22, 2025 – 1:00 PM, Washington Park Refectory

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**Attendees:** CPD Capt. Tracy Edwards and ten participants