
CITY OF CHICAGO

DISTRICT COUNCIL 018

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Meeting Type: Regular

Date: December 16, 2025

Location: 18th District Police Station, 1160 N. Larrabee St., Chicago, Illinois

Start Time: 6:05 PM

Adjournment: 7:04 PM

Attendance:

- Approximately 24 in-person attendees
- Approximately 7 virtual attendees

Chicago Police Department Attendance:

- Lieutenant Edward Ranzoni, Third Watch Commander
- Sergeant Schenk

Attendance and Quorum

In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, a quorum requires at least two District Council members to be physically present.

District Council Member	In Person	Remote Absent	
Brad Kessler (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Johnson (Nominator)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karen Kane (Community Engagement)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A quorum was established.

Welcome and Acknowledgments

Chair Kessler welcomed attendees and thanked Sergeant Schenk and Lieutenant Edward Ranzzoni for hosting the meeting at the 18th District Police Station. Lieutenant Ranzzoni attended on behalf of district leadership.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the November 25, 2025, meeting minutes

Moved by: Brad Kessler

Seconded by: Bob Johnson

Vote: Approved unanimously

Public Comment

Public comments were limited to three minutes per speaker, with a total allotted time of twenty minutes. In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Council members did not respond during public comment.

William Dean

Raised concerns regarding proposed traffic stop limitations, requested transparency regarding survey results and decision-making processes, and expressed concern over public safety impacts related to community releases. He challenged statements suggesting overall crime reduction.

John Kin

Reported a missing dog last seen near North Avenue and Wicker Park, requested community assistance, and announced a reward for the dog's safe return.

Lucas Duza

Addressed a street takeover incident at Grand Avenue and McClurg Court, questioned police response time, and requested clarification on enforcement actions taken.

Additional Community Members

- Expressed concern regarding recurring street takeovers and public safety risks
- Questioned response delays and perceived normalization of dangerous behavior
- Requested accountability and follow-up reporting

Public comment concluded after all speakers were heard.

District Council Updates

Councilor Karen Kane provided updates on upcoming Community Commission vacancies:

- Application period: January 7 – February 6
- Eligibility requirements include Chicago residency and relevant professional experience
- Two positions reserved for individuals ages 18–24
- Commissioners receive a monthly stipend

Information sessions and application details are available via QR code.

Traffic Stop Policy Survey

Council Member Kane reported that more than 1,800 individuals participated in a district-wide survey regarding traffic stop restrictions. Approximately 80% of respondents opposed additional prohibitions. Survey results were shared with the federal consent decree judge, the Illinois Attorney General’s Office, the independent monitor, commissioners, and local alderpersons.

Legal and Policy Updates

- Illinois Supreme Court ruling upheld mandatory 30-day jail sanctions for electronic monitoring violations without sentence reduction
- A revised Time and Place Curfew ordinance was reintroduced, including extended notice requirements and applicability to gatherings posing public safety risks
- Updates provided regarding Division Street bar-related violence and liquor license review

Crime Trends and Public Safety

Councilor Brad Kessler provided updates on:

- Ongoing concerns regarding retail theft and criminal sexual assault
- Importance of court advocacy participation
- CTA safety initiatives, including reporting tools and surveillance enhancements
- Continued efforts to obtain and analyze 911 call data

Law Enforcement Update

Lieutenant Edward Ranzoni, Third Watch Commander

Lieutenant Ranzoni introduced himself and outlined his responsibilities, including supervision of sergeants and officers during assigned shifts.

Key discussion points included:

- Retail theft enforcement requires cooperation from business owners
- Shift-change staffing coverage is monitored to prevent service gaps
- Street takeovers are addressed through coordinated responses, dispersal orders, towing, and arrests when necessary
- Emphasis on restraint, public safety, and lawful enforcement

Crime statistics reviewed indicated:

- Decreases in robberies, burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, and felony theft
- Increases in criminal sexual assault and misdemeanor theft
- Murder statistics impacted by isolated incidents

Lieutenant Ranzoni reaffirmed CPD's commitment to addressing community concerns and improving response strategies.

Announcements

- The next District Council meeting is scheduled for **January**, on a **Tuesday at 12:15 PM**, at the **Division Street Library**
 - Attendees were encouraged to engage in follow-up discussions after adjournment
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