

DISTRICT COUNCIL 001
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Date: February 3, 2026

Meeting Location: Harold Washington Library

Meeting Start Time: 6:01 PM

Attendees: Alderman Bill Conway, Geoffrey Cabbage (Better Government Association), & 8 Community Members

District Council Member Attendance

Name	Role	Present	Remote	Absent
Sarah Kammerer	Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrienne Johnson	Nominator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jamie Brown	Community Engagement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum Met*: Yes

* In compliance with the Open Meetings Act (OMA), meetings require at least two members physically present to proceed.

Approval of Minutes

- No minutes were approved at this meeting

Public Comment

- **Ann Cibulskis:** Deeply concerned about the presence of Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs & Border Protection (CBP) in Chicago. Strongly encouraged all attendees to join the next Commission meeting to advocate for the Chicago Police Department to prioritize de-escalation tactics when interacting with federal agents — ensuring the safety of Chicago residents and holding those agents accountable.

District Council Updates

Sarah Kammerer, Chair

- DC Overview:
 - District Boundaries: Defined as the Chicago River South to 31st Street and from Lake Michigan to the highway.

- Role is to facilitate dialogue between the community and police to build trust, accountability, and transparency. Stressed the importance of community feedback.
- Engagement Methods: Encouraged participation through monthly public meetings, community events, feedback forms, and direct communication (emails, phone calls, informal meetings)
- Asked attendees to facilitate introductions
- Activities: LSE Presidents Group monthly meetings, Chicago Loop Alliance Public Safety Group, and other stakeholder meetings, community and building events
- Common Trends and Concerns
 - Pedestrian Safety
 - Public Nuisance
 - Homelessness
 - CTA Safety

Adrienne Johnson, Nominating Committee

- Nominating Committee Updates
 - Applications close this Friday, February 6th for the three upcoming vacancies on the Commission.
 - Two of the vacancies must be filled by youth ages 18-24, and two must be from the north side. All applicants must have been residents of Chicago for at least the past five years.
 - Please email Adrienne.Johnson@cityofchicago.org or call/text me at 312.989.5160 to share any feedback, comments, suggestions on what the nominating committee should consider when interviewing applicants for the 3 vacancies: Aaron Gottlieb, Abierre Minor and Angel Rubi Navarajo. Their terms expire on 6/23/2026
- Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability (CCPSA)
 - At the January 29 Commission Meeting, members voted to nominate the current Interim Chief Administrator, LaKenya White, for permanent appointment as Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA).
- Community Engagement
 - Meetings with neighbors, community association manager(s) and local South Loop business managers/owners
 - Contact council members by their individual email address, phone or our shared email of dc1@cityofchicago.org
 - FB page for District Council 001
 - 43 followers (increased 2 net followers or 5% from January's DC 001 Monthly Meeting)
 - Views and engagement increased 550% from previous meeting
 - [Facebook.com/DistrictCouncil001](https://www.facebook.com/DistrictCouncil001)

Jamie Brown, Community Engagement

- No updates

Discussion

- **2026 Public Safety Budget Questions Directed at Mr. Cabbage**
 - How much of CPD's budget is reliant on Federal Grants?
 - ~4.4%
 - How does the City pay for policing special events like the Democratic National Convention (DNC) and Lollapalooza?
 - For the DNC, Chicago received a federal grant to cover police expenditures
 - For most private events such as Lollapalooza, the City charges the event planners a fee to cover police expenditures
 - What police oversight bodies have a budget floor?
 - Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) is 1% of CPD's budget, the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability (CCPSA) is 0.22% of CPD's budget, and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) which is a little bit more complicated. OIG's is 0.14% of the City's budget as a whole

Presentations

- **Geoffrey Cabbage (Better Government Association):** Presented an overview of the recently passed 2026 Chicago City Budget, highlighting key public safety provisions and their implications.

Next Meeting Details

- **Date:** March 3, 2025 6 PM
- **Location:** Chicago Women's Park Fieldhouse, 1801 S Indiana

Meeting Adjourned: 6:47 PM