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COMMUNITY COMMISSION for PUBLIC SAFETY and  
ACCOUNTABILITY  
PUBLIC MEETING  
Thursday, January 8, 2026, 6:30 p.m.  
Thalia Hall  
1807 South Allport  
Chicago, Illinois

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APPEARANCES:

- President Remel Terry
- Vice President Rubi Navarijo
- Commissioner Anthony Driver
- Commissioner Aaron Gottlieb
- Commissioner Sandra Wortham
- Commissioner Abierre Minor
- Commissioner Gina Piemonte
- Executive Director Adam Gross

1           PRESIDENT TERRY: Good evening again,  
2 everyone. The January 8th special meeting of the  
3 Community Commission for Public Safety and  
4 Accountability is called to order.

5                         We will begin by calling -- I want  
6 to give an opportunity to pause because we do  
7 have transportation services, and so I want the  
8 representative to have an opportunity to  
9 communicate.

10                        We will begin by calling the roll to  
11 establish a quorum.

12                        Commissioner Driver.

13           COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Present.

14           PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Gottlieb.

15           COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Present.

16           PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Minor.

17           COMMISSIONER MINOR: Present.

18           PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Piemonte.

19           COMMISSIONER PIEMONTE: Present.

20           PRESIDENT TERRY: Vice president Rubi  
21 Navarijo.

22                        Commissioner Wortham.

23           COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Present.

24           PRESIDENT TERRY: With six members of the

1 Community Commission for Public Safety and  
2 Accountability present, we have a quorum and can  
3 conduct the Commission's business.

4 I'd like to acknowledge some people  
5 in the room. The executive director of the  
6 Illinois Accountability Commission Hina Mahmood  
7 is here. So are staff members of the staff from  
8 the City of Chicago Council Committee on  
9 Immigrant and Refugee Rights. They have tables  
10 near where we had sign-in sheets, and they are  
11 here collecting information about ICE and Customs  
12 and Border Protection activities in Chicago, and  
13 you can share information with them if you'd  
14 like.

15 We also have some public officials  
16 here who I would like to acknowledge. We have  
17 Alderman Rossana, Alderman Byron Sigcho-Lopez,  
18 Alderman Guzman, Alderman Luis. Please pardon  
19 the handwriting. I'm -- Senator Guzman. We have  
20 Chris Laurent. Keo Jean-Joseph. These are all  
21 District Councilors. Dion McGill, Rosemarie  
22 Dominguez, Beth Rochford, Deirdre O'Connor,  
23 Alexander Perez, Veronica Areola, Sam Schoenburg,  
24 Ashley Vargas, Eli Bahina, Erin Vogel, Brian

1 Ramson, Ephraim Lee, Lee Bielecki, Alees Edwards,  
2 Andre Vas -- Alderman Andre Vasquez, and Alderman  
3 Hoppenworth.

4 So thank you, all, for being here.

5 On December 18th, the Community  
6 Commission for Public Safety and Accountability  
7 received a petition circulated by some members of  
8 the District Council which were signed by 2000  
9 people on the Commission -- for the Commission to  
10 hold a special meeting to hear about the  
11 community's experience with interactions between  
12 ICE, Customs and Border Patrol, and CPD.

13 The ordinance that created the  
14 Commission includes a requirement that if the  
15 Commission receives a petition with -- petitions  
16 with at least 2000 signatures from Chicago  
17 residents, the Commission must hold a special  
18 meeting within 21 days.

19 We'd like to start by inviting two  
20 District Councilors who gathered signatures and  
21 brought the petitions to the Commission to share  
22 why they wanted the Commission to hold this  
23 meeting. And I'd like to invite District  
24 Councilor Eli Bahina and District Councilor Leo

1 Quintero.

2 MS. BAHINA: Good afternoon, everyone. My  
3 name is Eli Bahina, and I'm the representative  
4 for the 10th District and lifelong resident of  
5 Little Village.

6 First, I want to thank community  
7 members across the City who helped us collect  
8 hundreds of signatures and made this moment  
9 possible, and the District Council members who  
10 stood with our communities and made sure our  
11 voices were heard.

12 This listening session is happening  
13 because people organized and demanded to be  
14 heard.

15 I want to take a moment to explain  
16 how we got here, why we're here today.

17 For those who may not be familiar,  
18 the District Councils are made of three elected  
19 representatives in each police District Council  
20 across the City. There are 22 police District  
21 Councils. We're fighting to be the direct voice  
22 and have conversations about public safety and  
23 police accountability.

24 You're here in the 25th Ward, but

1 you're also in the 12th Police District.

2 Standing next to me is Leo Quintero,  
3 one of your elected District Council  
4 representatives, who has been fighting for police  
5 accountability and for real community safety for  
6 decades now.

7 And on November 13th, we submitted a  
8 formal request to the Commission -- to the  
9 Community Commission for Public Safety and  
10 Accountability, the very Commission we are before  
11 here today.

12 On December 11th, two of our  
13 District Council members met with Commission  
14 president and vice president and their  
15 leadership. Through this process, we felt that  
16 this urgent issue was not being treated with the  
17 seriousness or timeline it required.

18 While communities were experiencing  
19 real harm in real time, we felt the communication  
20 was unclear and disconnected from what we were  
21 seeing in community.

22 Meanwhile, people in our community  
23 were putting their bodies on the line to protect  
24 their neighbors and defend their rights.

1                   We were tear-gassed, put in  
2 handcuffs, and kidnapped.

3                   We have lost lives to violence  
4 carried out by ICE and Border Patrol. And in the  
5 face of the reality, waiting is not neutral.  
6 Delay has consequences.

7                   As District Council members, we knew  
8 we had a responsibility to bring that power back  
9 to the community.

10                  So under the empowering public --  
11 under the empowering communities for Public  
12 Safety Ordinance, alongside community members,  
13 we've worked to get petitions to trigger this  
14 process. This process was triggered by community  
15 power.

16                  And that's why we're here today.  
17 This special meeting didn't happen by chance. It  
18 happened because of you.

19                  And now I'm going to pass it to Leo  
20 who will speak more about what we expect tonight  
21 from this Commission, what we expect from to hear  
22 from community and how this is just the first  
23 step. We want more.

24                  MR. QUINTERO: Thank you. Thank you. All

1 right. So you all know I love transparency.

2           So earlier we were asked to come  
3 and speak here. I want to note that the first  
4 letter demanding this meeting came out -- I want  
5 to make sure that people are aware that the first  
6 letter that went out with the District Council's  
7 signing onto it went out -- was sent on November  
8 13th. We are now at January 8th, and we got a  
9 listening session, and I don't know about you  
10 all, but I'm not too satisfied with that. Right?  
11 And now we have -- we have some soft commitments  
12 right now to continue this conversation going,  
13 and we want to make it clear what we want.  
14 Right? We want to have district command staff at  
15 these meetings so we could question them. We  
16 want Snelling in the room, but not just to give  
17 us propaganda, to give us speeches. What we want  
18 is documentation, reports of what has been going  
19 on, communications, recordings, anything that we  
20 have available and accessible. We want it. And  
21 if we don't have it accessible, we want to know  
22 why.

23           So with that, we are going to stop  
24 pushing, and we are going to stop fighting when

1 you all tell us to and when you are all  
2 satisfied. And from the sound of it, it sounds  
3 like you guys are not satisfied with this.

4 So, again, we were asked earlier  
5 today to come up and talk. We're giving our  
6 conversations.

7 And with that, I didn't have  
8 anything prepped, so I'm going off the cuff here,  
9 but I want people to understand that we are here  
10 in support of you. So if you have a story, if  
11 you witnessed something, if a family member did,  
12 I want you all to come up and talk, and I want  
13 the Commission to listen with the intent that we  
14 are here to support each and every one of these  
15 people and to move policy in accordance to the  
16 ordinance that created us.

17 The ordinance clearly states that we  
18 need to support you all. What you all see, what  
19 you all want to change. Your safety and feeling  
20 of being safe is priority to Tuesday as District  
21 Council members, and it should be as  
22 Commissioners as well.

23 So thank you all so much. I look  
24 forward to hearing what you all have to say. I'm

1 hear if you all want to connect afterwards. I  
2 will probably be standing in the back. Thank you  
3 so much.

4 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you, Councilor Bahina  
5 and Councilor Quintero.

6 I'd now like to provide some more  
7 information about tonight's hearing. Since ICE  
8 and Customs and Border Protection increased  
9 activity in Chicago, there have been questions  
10 about whether the Chicago Police Department has  
11 engaged with ICE and CBP in ways that violate  
12 City law and departmental policy -- police  
13 department policy.

14 A City law called the Welcoming City  
15 Ordinance, as well as a CPD policy directive, say  
16 that CPD can't assist in civil immigration  
17 enforcement.

18 For example, the law in the policy  
19 says that the City of Chicago government  
20 agencies, including CPD, can't share information  
21 about a person's immigration status unless there  
22 is some legal requirement to share that  
23 information, or detain people just based on their  
24 immigration status or give ICE or CPD access --

1 CBP access to detainees or facilities for  
2 immigration-related purposes.

3 The Chicago Police Department cannot  
4 provide traffic perimeters or give on-site  
5 support to ICE or CBP when ICE or CBP is  
6 conducting immigration enforcement activities;  
7 however, CPD is allowed to do work to protect  
8 public safety.

9 For example, if a crime is  
10 occurring, CPD can respond to the criminal  
11 activity. If federal immigration officers are in  
12 danger, CPD can protect them.

13 This law and policy have led to  
14 questions about whether certain CPD actions  
15 amount to assisting ICE or CBP with civil  
16 immigration enforcement, which isn't allowed, or  
17 if those CPD actions were protecting public  
18 safety, which is allowed.

19 In June, when questions arose about  
20 the potential CPD involvement in ICE and Customs  
21 and Border and Protection activity, the  
22 Commission asked CPD leadership to come before  
23 the Commission to explain their policies and  
24 clarify what they can and cannot do in relation

1 to federal immigration enforcement.

2 At our October meeting, we  
3 encouraged people who had concerns about  
4 potentially inappropriate CPD interactions with  
5 ICE or CBP to report their concerns to the  
6 Civilian Office of Police Accountability or COPA  
7 and the Office of Inspector General so that there  
8 could be investigations. If you see Chicago  
9 police officers interacting with ICE or CBP in a  
10 way that you think is inappropriate, we encourage  
11 you to report it to COPA and/or the Chicago  
12 Office Inspector General.

13 If you are interested, we have  
14 handouts from COPA and the Office of Inspector  
15 General that explain how you can file a  
16 complaint. The handouts are in several  
17 languages.

18 Today, this meeting will be an  
19 opportunity for community members to have their  
20 voices heard about the Chicago Police Department  
21 interaction with ICE and CBP.

22 Additionally, the Commission plans  
23 to discuss this topic at our public meeting in  
24 February.

1           The information we gather here may  
2 be used in development of that meeting. Before  
3 we begin, we'll give each Commissioner a minute  
4 to share some thoughts, and I'll start with  
5 Commissioner Minor.

6           COMMISSIONER MINOR: I had a sneaky suspicion  
7 that I would open this meeting.

8           First, I would say good evening.  
9 God bless you. Thank you for weathering the rain  
10 to be in this space right now. I'm very excited  
11 to hear your stories. I think excitement is  
12 probably not even the right word choice, but I'm  
13 eager to hear from you.

14           After this meeting, if there's any  
15 action items or if you want to continue the  
16 conversation, please feel welcome to email me at  
17 my first and last name at CityofChicago.org or  
18 follow up with me after this meeting, and you can  
19 have my phone number.

20           The first thing that is most  
21 important and present for me to recognize is  
22 Renee Nicole Good. God bless her. God bless her  
23 family. God bless the people that mourn for her  
24 and continue to be activated and engaged for her

1 and her legacy. God bless all of you who  
2 continue to show up for community and to love one  
3 another as you will want to be loved.

4 I want to say thank you to all of  
5 the organizers who made this day possible.

6 I want to say thank you to the  
7 community members for being bold and courageous  
8 in sharing your stories on today.

9 I want to continue to extend my  
10 heartfelt remorse for my peers who have had  
11 encounters with ICE and have been disappeared.

12 I also want to give my heartfelt  
13 remorse for any of you who may have experienced  
14 the same thing in your families.

15 This grieves me, but I continue to  
16 follow up with my commitment to do whatever is in  
17 my possibility for accountability, solidarity,  
18 and action to uphold the Welcoming City  
19 Ordinance. Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. So before I  
21 turn it over to the Commissioner, for the record,  
22 I'd like to acknowledge that vice president Rubi  
23 Navarijo is present for the record.

24 Commissioner Gottlieb.

1           COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Thank you, President  
2 Terry.

3                         So, yeah, I'll be really brief.  
4 I'm first off just really appreciative of  
5 everyone who's in the room today taking time to  
6 be here.

7                         I also want to acknowledge all the  
8 people who've been working on this issue and  
9 bringing it and -- and advocating on it, and then  
10 I also want to thank in advance all the people  
11 who are going to give public comment. That's not  
12 an easy thing to do. It's brave. So I'm  
13 appreciative of all of you who are going to be  
14 doing that. So thank you.

15           PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. So I'll start  
16 at the end. Commissioner Driver. Commissioner  
17 Piemonte.

18           COMMISSIONER PIEMONTE: You know, when this  
19 first started, I worked at 26th Street, very  
20 close to Little Village, and would hear what was  
21 going on outside. We would get texts from people  
22 because I know there's a whole network of people  
23 watching what was going on, and it's just so  
24 awful the way people are being treated. And

1 this, of course, has escalated into an innocent  
2 woman being basically murdered trying to get out  
3 of an area -- trying to get out of an area  
4 yesterday. And I also understand that there were  
5 two more incidents in Portland.

6 So this is very, very timely,  
7 although a little late, but we want to -- I want  
8 to hear from you and your experiences. And then  
9 I want to discuss with the Commissioners what we  
10 can do moving forward with this situation.

11 So what everyone else said, I agree  
12 with. I appreciate everyone here and everyone  
13 who's brave enough to get up and share your  
14 stories with us. And I'll pass it to  
15 Commissioner Driver.

16 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: I also will be brief.  
18 This is an issue that is very personal to me as a  
19 person who is born and raised in the Back of the  
20 Yards community, and I've had to watch my  
21 friends, my family members, folks who are close  
22 to me in my community suffer, and even sitting  
23 down and reading the text notification, as soon  
24 as I sat in this seat and seeing that two more

1 people were shot in Portland. It's a very  
2 helpless feeling. A lot of times I feel  
3 hopeless. And I don't have the answers, but one  
4 thing I am clear on, I think the people in this  
5 room do have the answers. As long as we continue  
6 to stand in solidarity with one another, I think  
7 we will get through this moment.

8           So I want to thank the organizers,  
9 thank everyone who came out tonight, and I look  
10 forward to hearing from each and every one of  
11 you.

12           PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Wortham.

13           COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Good evening. It's  
14 always important for me to -- test. Yep. Okay.  
15 That mic's good.

16           Good evening. It's always important  
17 for me to just start by saying I'd like to remind  
18 us all that this is a City-wide Commission, and  
19 we are intended to represent the entirety of the  
20 diversity of opinions in Chicago. That said, a  
21 lot of times when we have meetings like this or  
22 even our regular body meetings, it's reported out  
23 as the Commission thinks this, or the Commission  
24 believes that. I would specifically tonight like

1 to just encourage people to listen to all the  
2 public comment, but not assign to this Commission  
3 a decision regarding any of the allegations that  
4 we might hear made or positions on this issue.

5 I think it's very important for us  
6 to continue our outreach to be as inclusive as  
7 possible for our audience, our constituency, that  
8 we not assign to all seven of us any position,  
9 any opinion unless it is something we publicly  
10 deliberated and voted on.

11 And so while I realize this is a  
12 very important issue and people have diverse  
13 opinions on things, I just would encourage  
14 everyone in the room, including anyone who might  
15 report out on this, not to assign to this  
16 Commission that we have determined anything  
17 tonight, but that tonight is a listening session  
18 to hear from the public.

19 This Commission has not determined,  
20 investigated or voted upon any position on these  
21 issues, and I think it's very important that  
22 we're very clear on that, because some members,  
23 both internally and externally, have an  
24 unfortunate habit of assigning to all seven of us

1 an opinion that all seven of us don't have, and  
2 it's very important for me -- oh, okay. Well --

3 PRESIDENT TERRY: Point of order. We will be  
4 respectful of the mic, the same way you all want  
5 to be heard and respected. Everyone has a voice.  
6 You don't get to shut down anyone's voice because  
7 you disagree, so, therefore, you will respect  
8 this body and everybody who has an opportunity  
9 to -- on the mic, because we'll have that same  
10 level of expectation when anyone has an opinion  
11 on the mic before us. I will say the same thing.  
12 I will not let you all be drowned out, so you  
13 will not have the opportunity to drown out anyone  
14 else.

15 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: I'll close by saying  
16 that response was exactly my point.

17 We want to be a Commission where  
18 everyone feels that they are heard. All I said  
19 was what I want people to take away from this  
20 meeting is that it is a listening session; that  
21 there have been no decisions by this Commission  
22 made. And I hope that that's -- uphold our  
23 bylaws. They should be removed if they keep  
24 interrupting me.

1                   Well, you're proving my point. So  
2 that's exactly what my comment was about.  
3 Thanks.

4           PRESIDENT TERRY: Again, we're asking you all  
5 to be respectful because we do have bylaws to ask  
6 for people to be removed.

7                   Please be respectful, because you  
8 want yourselves to be heard, and we're asking  
9 that everyone be respectful. Thank you.

10                   Vice President Rubi Navarijo.

11           VICE PRESIDENT RUBI NAVARIJO: Good evening,  
12 everybody. I'm going to make this brief as well.  
13 I'm here to listen to you. We need immigration  
14 reform, and we've been needing immigration  
15 reform, and I hope that all of us here together  
16 can continue working, you know, in collaboration  
17 to continue holding the police department  
18 accountable.

19                   I'm a product of the immigration  
20 system in this country, and I know very, very  
21 well the very front-facing cost of what's going  
22 on right now.

23                   This Commission, all of us, are  
24 committed to ensuring that we get everybody

1 clarity here, and this is one step toward that.  
2 This is not going to be the only time. This is  
3 not going to be the only time I address this  
4 issue as an individual commissioner.

5 I want to thank all the organizers  
6 for their work today. I want to thank the  
7 different elected officials and government bodies  
8 here today.

9 We will record, we will listen, we  
10 will document, and we will hold this for history,  
11 because in the future, accountability is  
12 somewhere, and I hope that together here today we  
13 gather these stories, we gather comments, and we  
14 make our community stronger, and we get the  
15 clarity we need.

16 We need to trust our police  
17 department, and hopefully it starts --  
18 hopefully -- hopefully we start here. Hopefully  
19 we start, we're able to hold people account --  
20 all right. Well, my -- my -- my message here is  
21 that I hope we can all continue working together,  
22 and this is not going to be the last time we talk  
23 about this issue. This is important to me, and I  
24 know that I've spoken to my fellow Commissioners

1 about it.

2 With that being said, let's continue  
3 with our meeting.

4 Before we begin public comment, we  
5 need to discuss the possibility that federal  
6 immigration enforcement officials could  
7 potentially attempt to enter the building.

8 Thalia Hall is a private business  
9 and is usually allowed to keep ICE out of their  
10 private property.

11 On the other hand, the Illinois Open  
12 Meetings Act requires this meeting to be  
13 accessible to the public, and federal immigration  
14 law enforcement officials count as part of the  
15 public. So if federal immigration agents try to  
16 get -- excuse me. Please. Let me just finish  
17 this, and then we will get into our meeting. I  
18 appreciate that.

19 So if federal immigration agents try  
20 to get into the meeting because it is a public  
21 meeting, we will adjourn the meeting. That will  
22 make it easier to keep ICE out. If the public is  
23 adjourned, staff will give instructions on how we  
24 can all safely exit. If that happens, and you

1 feel safer staying in a building, Thalia Hall  
2 invites you to stay in the building, but the  
3 public meeting will end if we adjourn.

4 Today, we request that speakers  
5 provide public comment specifically related to  
6 Immigration and Customs Enforcement and CPD  
7 interactions.

8 If you would like to share your  
9 feedback, you have a few options. You can always  
10 submit public comment in writing by emailing your  
11 comment to Community Commission public comment at  
12 CityofChicago.org. If you have a written  
13 comment, you can give it to someone on the  
14 Commission or someone on the Commission staff  
15 tonight.

16 People who wanted to speak during  
17 the public comment period tonight, were asked to  
18 submit their names in writing earlier tonight.  
19 Names were then drawn at random by a member of  
20 the Commission staff. Speakers will be called in  
21 the order in which your names were drawn.

22 If your name is called to offer  
23 public comment, we ask that you approach the  
24 microphone and line up in the order which your

1 name is called.

2 When it is your turn to speak,  
3 please say your name, then spell your name, and  
4 offer your comment.

5 Each speaker is going to have two  
6 minutes. We've allotted a total of 1 hour and 45  
7 minutes for comment -- for public comment.

8 We have a translator with us today  
9 who will be translating this meeting for  
10 individuals who need it.

11 If the translator raises their hand,  
12 please pause for a moment to allow her to catch  
13 up, then proceed more slowly.

14 Today's meeting is taking place in  
15 the 25th Ward. Before we get started with public  
16 comments, I'd like to invite 25th Ward Alderman  
17 Byron Sigcho-Lopez to offer a few words.  
18 Alderman, the microphone's right here in the  
19 middle of the hall.

20 ALDERMAN SIGCHO-LOPEZ: Thank you. Thank  
21 you. Welcome to the 25th Ward where we're not  
22 afraid of speaking truth to power. And that's  
23 why it's so important today as a community that  
24 we come together. This meeting is way, way too

1 long, way too late. I'm thankful for the  
2 Commissioners that fought -- collect petitions to  
3 have this space. But during this time, people  
4 are being hurt. We got one neighbor, Silverio  
5 Villegas-Gonzalez was killed. Another neighbor  
6 was shot five times in Brighton Park. And what  
7 the Chicago Police Department Superintendent  
8 said, "Stop shooting at law enforcement." Where  
9 was the shot? Where's the evidence?

10 So that's what we need the  
11 Commission to focus on. That's what we need you  
12 to work with us to hold the Chicago Police  
13 Department Superintendent accountable, because  
14 there are many -- way too many members of the  
15 City Council that are quiet and silent.

16 In the meantime, we saw the  
17 execution of a mother, a mother, 37-year-old  
18 mother that leaves an orphan child, six-year-old.  
19 They denied medical care. They shot her in front  
20 of her family leaving her house.

21 We are not going to allow this to  
22 happen in Chicago, Brighton Park. We demand an  
23 investigation on the Superintendent as to why  
24 he's not protecting -- why he's not protecting

1 the people of the City of Chicago.

2 We need to stop the killings in our  
3 community. The real terrorists, the real rapists  
4 are those people, those Proud Boys that the  
5 Commission did not hold accountable when we  
6 opened an investigation with the Inspector  
7 General. Now we have Proud Boys still operating  
8 in the Chicago Police Department.

9 So we need today to come to the  
10 realization that this is the moment where the  
11 billionaire class is going to execute neighbors  
12 of us. And when Gregory Bovino comes to our  
13 city, we demand that he is arrested as well  
14 because he's in contempt -- he is in contempt of  
15 federal orders.

16 There are police law officers that  
17 today are collaborating with these ICE  
18 mercenaries. How are we public dollars -- we are  
19 allowing the break of our century City laws. Why  
20 are we allowing the Superintendent to provide  
21 public statements without any evidence? And we  
22 are going to hold them accountable. And it is  
23 going to be the people, the people in -- the  
24 people in this room, the rapid responders, the

1 people in the community fighting to stop these  
2 atrocities. So today as a community, right --  
3 and I'm not afraid of being booed. This is not a  
4 popular opinion, neither in Washington or the  
5 federal government, and I don't care about what  
6 they say. I do care about my people. The people  
7 that have been shot. The people like Jose  
8 Richard, the Discount Mall vendor. Can you  
9 please get up so they know who we are? This is  
10 the Discount Mall vendor that secure the firm --  
11 that stop them -- that stop these people from  
12 entering the Discount Mall.

13 So we are here to demand real  
14 accountability. It starts by arresting Bovino.  
15 It starts by sanctioning officers that even on  
16 July and June 4th started even elected officials  
17 for asking questions and asking for warrants.

18 And, finally, we also want the  
19 Illinois State Police to instead of focusing on  
20 arresting protestors, to arrest these mercenaries  
21 that go and kill us.

22 Welcome. Welcome to the 25th Ward,  
23 and welcome to the fight. Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you, Alderman.

1                   So we will begin calling our three  
2 speakers. The first three speakers are Lawrence  
3 Benito, Joseph McDougall is online, and Ariana  
4 Aguilar is also online. So Lawrence Benito.

5                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just a quick  
6 announcement. Quick announcement for the folks  
7 in the room. We have staff keeping time for two  
8 minutes per public speaker, so we will give you a  
9 warning when it's time to close those remarks.  
10 Thank you.

11                  MR. BENITO: Good evening. My name is  
12 Lawrence Benito, executive director of the  
13 Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee  
14 Rights.

15                   Here in Chicago, our members have  
16 long pushed for laws like the Welcoming City  
17 Ordinance because such policies are reflective of  
18 our values.

19                   We are a City for all people, and  
20 our institutions can and must give the dignity  
21 and respect that everyone deserves.

22                   Nobody should live in fear, and  
23 interacting with City employees should never  
24 result in a person's deportation.

1                   Throughout ICE and CBP's escalation  
2 on our communities across Chicago, our network of  
3 rapid response teams, as well as independent  
4 observers and everyday community members  
5 witnessed instances of apparent collaboration  
6 between the Chicago Police Department and  
7 immigration enforcement officers.

8                   Starting with the incident in the  
9 South Loop at the Intensive Supervision  
10 Appearance Program check-in office in early June,  
11 up through the surprise escalation in mid  
12 December, immigration agents have sought out  
13 collaboration, and CPD in particular, we suspect,  
14 has responded with assistance in a few instances.

15                   The word "assistance" was explicitly  
16 used by Greg Bovino in a Tweet thanking both  
17 Chicago Police and Evanston Police on December  
18 17th, as he returned to town with dozens of  
19 agents to abduct more of our neighbors.

20                   It is incumbent upon all  
21 City-elected officials and CPD itself to maintain  
22 trust and prioritize safety of your residents and  
23 to uphold our local laws that ICE and CBP are  
24 attempting to circumvent and undermine.

1                   To City officials, we ask that you  
2 follow the Welcoming City Ordinance, both by the  
3 letter of the law, as well as in the spirit.  
4 Stop the apparent collaboration with ICE and  
5 leave no doubt in the minds of Chicagoans that  
6 you are prioritizing them over the violence of  
7 the Trump administration.

8                   PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Ariana Aguilar.  
9 Who has control of online? Ariana Aguilar.

10                  MS. AGUILAR: Hello?

11                  PRESIDENT TERRY: Yes, we can hear you.

12                  MS. AGUILAR: Okay. All right. My name is  
13 Ariana Aguilar. A-R-I-A-N-A. Aguilar,  
14 A-G-U-I-L-A-R, and what I'd like to share today  
15 is an experience I had. So on Halloween day of  
16 last year, I had the unfortunate experience with  
17 ICE agents who kidnapped my neighbors in broad  
18 daylight with no second thought. And for  
19 whatever reason they were acting, which we know  
20 that ICE just profiles and kidnaps our neighbors,  
21 there was no justification for the way that they  
22 had treated my neighbors.

23                               They slammed, they kicked, they  
24 gripped, and they threw, and showed absolute

1 inhumane behaviors towards my neighbors that day  
2 on Halloween of last year.

3           What I witnessed that day was not  
4 only ICE, but unsurprisingly CPD protecting --  
5 protecting and defending ICE agents while they  
6 kidnapped my neighbors.

7           They pushed, and they shoved us, the  
8 protestors, away -- away from the ICE agents, and  
9 allowed ICE to get away with their abuse of  
10 power.

11           It is a well-known fact that no  
12 matter how many meetings and no matter how many  
13 wellness sessions CPD attempts to make, your  
14 history precedes you, and we know that at the end  
15 of the day, it is only the people that protects  
16 the people.

17           Although I am not disappointed, I am  
18 infuriated with that y'all have the audacity to  
19 play the law selectively, not only when it comes  
20 down to protecting KKK, CPD members, but police  
21 killers who get -- who only get paid leave and  
22 only have Department transfers whenever they kill  
23 someone.

24           So I need y'all to start holding

1 people -- start holding cops accountable when  
2 they come in and protect those kidnappers, these  
3 Gestapos, to call them what they are.

4 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Online, the  
5 next person is Joseph McDougall. Joseph  
6 McDougall.

7 The next three speakers we have are  
8 Alderman Andre Vasquez, Andres Guzman, and  
9 Heriberto Quiros.

10 ALDERMAN VASQUEZ: Good evening, everyone.  
11 Alderperson Andre Vasquez, 40th Ward. Hella  
12 proud to be here in Pilsen. Dang. Chair of the  
13 Committee on Immigration Refugee Rights, I  
14 appreciate the opportunity to be able to speak  
15 here in front of everyone.

16 I want to start out with a number.  
17 218. That's the number of days since June 4 when  
18 the first ICE incident occurred where CPD was  
19 involved, where when people were coming to check  
20 in following the law, they were then kidnapped  
21 there as ICE showed up. CPD was called in that  
22 instance to make sure that the crowd wasn't  
23 getting too riled. But what we saw as we asked  
24 and tried to get video footage is them

1 interacting, walking into the building, talking  
2 to ICE agents. So whether that's involvement or  
3 coordination, that's something that needs to be  
4 held accountable.

5 Now, the reason why I mentioned 218  
6 days is that's how long it's happened, and there  
7 has not been a hearing by the CCPSA related to  
8 ICE/CPD interactions.

9 Now, in conversations I've had with  
10 some of the members and staff, what I was told  
11 was, Well, we were trying to talk to CPD to ask  
12 them to give us information related to what might  
13 have been misconduct.

14 I'm trying to hold what would be  
15 laughter if it wasn't anger.

16 You can't ask somebody for  
17 information about their own level of misconduct  
18 and expect for them to give it to you.

19 I say that as the Chair of the  
20 Committee on Immigrant Refugee Rights who was  
21 asking for the same information from CPD way more  
22 than 218 days ago. You know what we didn't do?  
23 Not have a hearing. We've had multiple of them.  
24 We forced CPD to have to come and answer

1 questions. We didn't want for them to tell us  
2 they don't have information.

3 So it is absolutely unacceptable to  
4 then have to force District Councilors to have to  
5 come to get signatures to then have, not even a  
6 hearing, but a listening session.

7 I -- even if -- even if it takes a  
8 whole lot, and it don't take 218 days, the second  
9 any of these District Councilors tried to get one  
10 signature, you could have had a hearing the next  
11 week.

12 The fact that they had to get the  
13 signatures to then force a listening session and  
14 a hearing still hasn't happened is unacceptable.  
15 We are watching people get killed, trying to  
16 figure out why.

17 PRESIDENT TERRY: That's your time. Thank  
18 you, Alderman. Thank you, Alderman. Thank,  
19 Alderman. Thank you, Alderman. We have a lot of  
20 speaker, and we want to give them an opportunity  
21 to speak. Thank you.

22 We do welcome anyone's name who has  
23 been called, if you would like to concede your  
24 time to the Alderman for another two minutes, we

1 welcome that opportunity.

2 The next speaker that we have is  
3 Victor -- again, you will respect this mic or you  
4 will be asked to leave. We will not continue to  
5 deal with disrespect. You can't be here saying  
6 you want to be helped and being disrespectful.  
7 That will not be tolerated. Please allow others  
8 to speak.

9 The next speaker is Victor Raygoza.

10 MR. GUZMAN: This is Andres Guzman. I was  
11 next speaker with along with Boy. Yeah.

12 My name is Andres Guzman,  
13 A-N-D-R-E-S, G-U-Z-M-A-N, and I organized in this  
14 neighborhood against gentrification.

15 While our community is being  
16 decimated by gentrification, a structural  
17 violence being waged by Alderman Byron  
18 Sigcho-Lopez, today I'm here to talk about the  
19 immediate violence, the one being waged by ICE  
20 and CPD.

21 All of us in this room are aware of  
22 what's going on during these past few months with  
23 these ICE raids. We've seen the videos, the  
24 photos, the families being ripped apart. We've

1     seen the tear gas. We've seen the children being  
2     scared. We've seen ICE, the State Police, and  
3     CPD occupying our neighborhoods.

4             The reason why we're all here today  
5     is to address ICE collaborating with CPD. Who is  
6     going to meet these demands? Who has the power  
7     to end this collaboration? In other words, who  
8     is responsible for the collaboration between ICE  
9     and CPD? The Commissioner and the Mayor, Brandon  
10    Johnson. To this day -- to this day, Brandon  
11    Johnson has denied -- he is denying that CPD is  
12    working with ICE. By doing this, he is  
13    protecting CPD from accountability. This is the  
14    same CPD that targeted, harassed, and arrested  
15    dozens of people on Mexican Independence Day.  
16    Mexican youth were cornered, pulled over,  
17    blockaded throughout their celebration the same  
18    day the mayor signs an order to guarantee the  
19    right to protest. That is not right.

20             But let's think bigger picture.  
21    J.B. Pritzker unleashed the State Police on  
22    protestors in Broadview.

23             This is also abetting Trump. While  
24    these politicians bicker behind the cameras, the

1 ground troops, ICE, the State Police, and CPD are  
2 in full coordination. In other words, our  
3 communities are being brutalized by the federal,  
4 state, and city level.

5 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Heriberto.

6 MR. QUIROS: My name is Heriberto Quiros.  
7 I'm the proud son of Rosa Quiros, immigrant mom.  
8 I just want to know like you guys need to -- I  
9 don't know, start working with your structure of  
10 CPD, 'cause, I don't know, it's kind of ludicrous  
11 on what's happening.

12 Also, I want to know what will CPD  
13 do in regards with ICE involvement, because what  
14 happened yesterday shouldn't be seen. And I  
15 would say if CPD is not going to listen, because  
16 every time we tell them every day about our pain,  
17 struggle, and a lot of stuff, and you guys are  
18 here to take little notes, that's okay, but, you  
19 know, in the end of the struggle, if you guys  
20 want to hear it, okay, write it, but like, you  
21 know, do your job.

22 That's why as a teacher, I -- I'm  
23 seeing like the effects as this is happening so  
24 on children.

1           Also, I want to say that -- that I  
2 think we need to do more. And I want to close it  
3 off with this state -- statement, CPD don't  
4 deport my family and --

5           PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Thank you. So  
6 we have Victor Raygoza. Raygoza. And Rebecca  
7 Kling. No. Patty Garcia, Ken Alvarado, Jax  
8 Lopez.

9           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Really quickly, we  
10 want to just let folks know if you weren't aware,  
11 there is translation available. So if that is  
12 something that you need, you can come and talk to  
13 me. I will be right here, stage left.

14          MS. GARCIA: Good evening. Thank you to the  
15 organizers for holding space for us and uplifting  
16 community voices. That should always be the  
17 center. I'm Patty Garcia, proud daughter of  
18 immigrants from Mexico. And like -- and my  
19 parents, like many of you, and I'm sure your  
20 parents, came onto this country and found a home,  
21 a welcoming home in Chicago. And Chicago was not  
22 welcoming or sanctuary overnight. You know, this  
23 happened not by accident. It happened with  
24 organizers. It happened with people demanding

1 it. It happened with people defending it. And  
2 that's the work that you're all doing.

3 So I want to share that for the  
4 past seven years, I've been serving the City of  
5 Chicago as a congressional staffer. Some of the  
6 things that I've seen, I've listened to children  
7 cry, come to our office and over the phone  
8 looking for their parents. I've listened to  
9 mothers and consoled them trying to give me their  
10 kids so that I can help protect them.

11 I've organized visits -- surprise  
12 visits to detention centers to see the atrocities  
13 and the inhumane conditions that our neighbors,  
14 that our family members are being put under.

15 And we've got power. We have a  
16 choice every day in what we do in whatever role.  
17 So know that in that, what I've learned has been  
18 that you can say that you have good intentions,  
19 but that's not going to stop a deportation.

20 You can say and protect and say  
21 behind your processes and procedures, but that's  
22 not going to protect families. And we can wait  
23 for our institutions to do the right thing, but  
24 clearly, that's never going to be enough.

1                   So one thing I really want to  
2 highlight is that for years -- not just during  
3 operation Midway Blitz, not just this last year,  
4 for years we've seen the loophole and the way  
5 that ICE cheats the law. Right? We've seen how  
6 they transfer immigrants from CPD to DEA to  
7 marshals to FBI and try to get away, and that's  
8 not fair.

9                   PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Thank you.

10                  MR. LOPEZ: All right. Good evening. My  
11 name is Jax Lopez, J-A-X, L-O-P-E-Z. I'm a  
12 lifelong resident of Chicago. I'm a CPS Policy  
13 Foundation alumni. I'm a City government worker,  
14 and the proud son and brother of Mexican  
15 immigrants.

16                   On October 22nd of last year, my  
17 colleague and I, while we were working, were  
18 forcibly pulled from her car and kidnapped by ICE  
19 and Border Patrol from the back of a car that we  
20 were handcuffed and thrown into.

21                   We saw CPD appear suddenly where  
22 they were pushing back rapid response workers and  
23 government officials, blocking them from taping,  
24 sowing further confusion and turning their back

1 on our community.

2 This sends a very clear message, not  
3 just to our community, but also to ICE, that CPD  
4 is willing to violate Chicago's Welcoming City  
5 Ordinance, and that they're willing to break the  
6 law when it benefits them just by saying that  
7 it's for public safety.

8 How can I, as a public City worker,  
9 tell my constituents that come in to call 911  
10 when nine times out of ten, they tell me, "I am  
11 not going to do that because they never respond  
12 to my calls." "They never respond to multiple  
13 calls of service that I have made to my house."

14 If we continue this mistrust between  
15 our community and our police, not only does this  
16 mean less crimes being reported, but it can also  
17 lead to an increase of crime to our authority  
18 figures.

19 Again, I close with not only as a --  
20 as a citizen of Chicago, but as a public servant.  
21 I implore the CCPSA to look into the actions of  
22 CPD and actually listen to the community.

23 Have a good night, everybody.

24 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

1 MS. KLING: My name is Rebecca Kling,  
2 K-L-I-N-G. I live in Andersonville where I own a  
3 condo in Chicago's 47th Ward, and I've lived  
4 there since 2020. Overall, I've lived in Chicago  
5 for 15 of the past 20 years.

6 We've all seen the footage of CPD  
7 assisting ICE and federal immigration. And make  
8 no mistake, ICE is the bad actor here.

9 I see friends hesitant to send  
10 their kids to school because they're scared of  
11 ice. I see elected officials who are threatened,  
12 detained, and arrested by ICE. Communities  
13 terrified of ICE. I hope every Chicago police  
14 officer who are for some reason on the outside of  
15 this building and not listening to this  
16 conversation, I want all of the Chicago police  
17 officers to understand that when the government  
18 tells you to round up people based on where  
19 they're from or the color of their skin, the  
20 government is the bad guy in that situation.

21 Where is Superintendent Snelling?  
22 Where are the 22 district commanders? Why have  
23 they not identified and disclosed all  
24 communication with federal immigration

1 enforcement? Why have they not released their  
2 records? Why has the City of Chicago not  
3 revisited what is clearly inadequate training for  
4 CPD, what is clearly inadequate oversight for  
5 CPD, and what is clearly not accountability.

6 I happen to have been born in the  
7 United States. My parents and grandparents were  
8 born in the United States states, and I want to  
9 be as clear as I possibly can. Immigrants make  
10 our City and our country better, not worse. And  
11 ICE makes our communities and our City less safe,  
12 and the Chicago Police Department, when it comes  
13 to ICE's aid, or when it stands by and looks the  
14 other way as ICE runs rampant -- thank you.

15 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Carmen Aiken,  
16 Jazmine Salas. James Boo.

17 MS. AIKEN: Hello. My name is Carmen Aiken.  
18 C-A-R-M-E-N. A-I-K-E-N.

19 I live in the 9th District in  
20 McKinley Park. I want to thank the Commissioners  
21 for the opportunity to give public comment for  
22 their time. I especially want to thank the  
23 tireless District Councilors who needed to  
24 collect support to make this happen way too late.

1                   As the daughter of Venezuelan  
2 immigrants, I'm proud to live in my neighborhood  
3 and City that's made up of all of our different  
4 background, and I've been horrified, shocked,  
5 enraged, and deeply saddened by all the violence  
6 and terror that has caused so much harm to all of  
7 us, from South Shore to Lake View to East  
8 Garfield Park to Edgewater.

9                   Like many, I've become involved in  
10 working at a grassroots level to mitigate harm  
11 and observe unlawful and violent behavior being  
12 enacted on residents of this city.

13                   While making observations of  
14 reckless and dangerous behavior last fall,  
15 including driving and disobeying traffic laws, as  
16 well as occupying state-owned property, which CBP  
17 and Immigration and Customs Enforcement are  
18 barred from utilizing for their operations, I  
19 also observed CPD officers who refuse to  
20 intervene and turned a blind eye to unknown  
21 individuals in unmarked vehicles without any  
22 identification, carrying lethal weapons, speeding  
23 through my neighborhood at 50 miles an hour,  
24 driving the wrong way.

1           Their actions will ultimately end in  
2 more deaths, just like the murder of a civilian  
3 in Minneapolis and our own neighbor in Franklin  
4 Park last year.

5           I thank the CCPSA for providing a  
6 venue for feedback; however, there is no safety  
7 to be found if we, the residents of Chicago, have  
8 no means or know what our local police will or  
9 will not do to protect or kill us.

10           I'm asking the CCPSA to call a  
11 hearing with Superintendent Snelling and all 22  
12 commanders to displace joint operations between  
13 these individuals and the Chicago Police  
14 Department, to examine oversight and  
15 accountability regarding cooperation with federal  
16 immigration officials and follow the law, our  
17 sanctuary protections.

18           I ask that in the hope that we have  
19 not done even more damage to the trust and  
20 accountability that you have been trying to  
21 build.

22           There is no public safety for any of  
23 us while these actions are allowed to continue.

24 Thank you.

1           PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

2           MS. SALAS: Hey, everybody. My name is  
3 Jazmine Salas. She/her pronouns. I'm former  
4 co-chair of CAARPR, lead negotiator for the  
5 Empowering Community for Public Safety Ordinance.

6                       I came here today because I thought  
7 that I was going to tell you about my experiences  
8 behind the Discount Mall on October 23rd, and how  
9 I personally witnessed ICE and CPD collaborate,  
10 but I'm going to throw that {\_\_\_} away, because  
11 some of you Commissioners should be {\_\_\_} ashamed  
12 of yourselves.

13                      The way that you want to lecture  
14 respectability to immigrants. My dad is a {\_\_\_}  
15 immigrant.

16                      Like there are people here who have  
17 mixed status families, undocumented people. This  
18 is people's real {\_\_\_} lives. And if you as a  
19 public servant can't handle a cuss word or can't  
20 handle someone going slightly over time, then get  
21 the {\_\_\_} out of your seat.

22                      So, please, come over my --  
23 reclaiming my time.

24           PRESIDENT TERRY: You are not doing that.

1 Please remove her. Thank you.

2 MS. SALAS: Reclaiming my time.

3 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Thank you.

4 MS. SALAS: I'm a big woman. You are not  
5 going to move me.

6 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Thank you.

7 Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

8 Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

9 James Boo. James Boo. Do we have  
10 James Boo? Good. James Boo. Is James Boo still  
11 here?

12 If not, we can call the next three  
13 speakers.

14 No James.

15 VICE PRESIDENT RUBI NAVARIJO: The next three  
16 speakers are Emma Miele, M-I-E-L-E, Shawn G.  
17 Mills, and Mayra Macias. Again, Emma Mills,  
18 Shawn G. Mills, and Mayra Macias. Apologies,  
19 Emma, if I didn't say your last name correctly.

20 MS. MIELE: My name is Emma Miele, M-I-E-L-E,  
21 and I'm here today to express my deep concern  
22 over the interactions between the Chicago Police  
23 Department and Immigration and Customs  
24 Enforcement.

1 CPD's mission statement expresses a  
2 commitment to protect the lives and rights of all  
3 people. Yet, within the last months, I have  
4 witnessed and experienced an unprecedented slash  
5 to the safety, rights, and personhood of myself  
6 and my neighbors.

7 The Chicago Police Department has  
8 stood by while my neighbors and friends have been  
9 isolated in their homes, afraid to be kidnapped  
10 on the way to work or school.

11 CPD has stood by while human beings  
12 have been pummeled with tear gas and pepper  
13 bullets simply for enacting our First Amendment  
14 rights as our governor specifically encouraged us  
15 to do.

16 Rather than protect, the Chicago  
17 Police Department continues to brutally arrest  
18 people for attempting to protest and alert others  
19 of the illegal abduction of our community  
20 members, including the kidnapping of an  
21 11-year-old child in our Little Village  
22 neighborhood.

23 When civilians are more concerned  
24 with protecting our children than the police,

1 something has gone terribly wrong.

2 We cannot trust or rely on CPD to  
3 protect us from untrained ICE agents shooting and  
4 murdering those who are brave enough to stand for  
5 common decency and humanity.

6 CPD's inability to defend Chicago as  
7 a sanctuary city sends a clear message that our  
8 protectors are unwilling to actually stand up for  
9 us when it really counts.

10 We demand that CPD uphold our  
11 sanctuary ordinances and Trust Act by immediately  
12 ending all collaboration with ICE and suspend all  
13 collaborating officers without pay.

14 We demand that the CPD run out  
15 Gregory Bovino for use of chemical weapons, and  
16 we demand your help to build our case to abolish  
17 ICE once and for all.

18 The blood of every person harmed or  
19 killed by ICE in our home is your hands. And my  
20 question to the Chicago Police Department is, Who  
21 do you protect? Who do you serve? Who do you  
22 protect? Who do you serve? Who do you protect?  
23 Who do you serve? Who do you protect? Who do  
24 you serve? Who do you protect? Who do you

1       serve? Shame. Shame. Shame.

2               VICE PRESIDENT RUBI NAVARIJO: Thank you. I  
3       have a Shawn G. Mills.

4               MR. MILLS: This is so {\_\_\_} weird. My name  
5       is Shawn Garrett Mills. I'm a Chicago --  
6       lifelong Chicagoan and Broadview organizer. I  
7       think this is largely for everyone in the crowd  
8       here because at the end of the day, we keep us  
9       safe, and we cannot rely on our institutions at  
10      this point.

11              I'm here to convey a harsh reality  
12      that we need to grow the {\_\_\_} up. Fascism is  
13      here at our door, and we need to understand what  
14      we face.

15              Words no longer matter. Panels no  
16      longer matter, interaction no longer matters.  
17      Laws that we wish to uphold in this {\_\_\_}  
18      democracy no longer matter. We keep us safe as a  
19      community.

20              Fascism is -- what's up? {\_\_\_},  
21      yeah.

22              Fascism is simply Colonialism turned  
23      inwards. We live in the 1930's Germany, and we  
24      must rise to that occasion with boldness and

1 solidarity.

2           You are in direct violation of the  
3 Illinois State Trust Act. Every moment we are  
4 forced through bureaucracy and peaceful protest  
5 of CPD and ISP, et cetera, are precious moments.  
6 We do not thwart the illegal actions of DHS and  
7 ICE. You actively aid and abet them, their  
8 kidnapping of children, neighbors and children.

9           If Pritzker, Johnson, and our police  
10 and other ineffectual leaders do not have the  
11 bravery to stand beside us, then get the {\_\_\_}  
12 out of our way and let us do the jobs for you.

13           Beyond that, my demand is simple.  
14 My demand is simple. Illinois, Chicago, and we  
15 the people must rally together and stand up  
16 against this fascism at our doorsteps. Stand  
17 with us that protest police. Use barricades to  
18 traffic stop ICE agents, arrest ICE officers  
19 conducting illegal and warrantless raids, aid  
20 rapid responders with traffic escorts, or at  
21 least stay the {\_\_\_} out of the way. Disallow  
22 all ICE and DHS activity within our City limits  
23 immediately. That is the duty of the commander  
24 in chief of this {\_\_\_} state and the City.

1           VICE PRESIDENT RUBI NAVARIJO: Thank you.  
2           Mayra Macias.

3           MS. MACIAS: Hi, everyone. My name is Mayra  
4           Macias, M-A-Y-R-A, M-A-C-I-A-S. I was born and  
5           raised in the Back of the Yards. Yep, that's  
6           right. And for the last ten years, I've worked  
7           in national politics and advocacy trying to  
8           instill hope and restore faith in our  
9           institutions, and what I witnessed let's me know  
10          that the trust that might have existed once upon  
11          a time with the community and Chicago Police  
12          Department is long gone.

13                        So while I commend this hearing, I  
14          hope that there's true accountability, and I want  
15          to read -- because I want to make sure that I  
16          don't miss any details on what I witnessed.

17                        On Saturday, November 8th, at  
18          approximately 12:43 p.m., I witnessed Chicago  
19          police officers use excessive force against  
20          community members standing next to me, literally  
21          next to me, on 23rd and Sawyer in Little Village.  
22          Yes, I recorded a video. So if my words are not  
23          proof enough, there is video proof that got  
24          picked up by the Washington Post, Telemundo. It

1 is live and publicly on my Instagram. The video  
2 shows officers targeting individuals on the  
3 sidewalk, dragging them into the street, and then  
4 piling on top of them. Shame. And these  
5 individuals had been there for hours with me,  
6 standing alongside, bearing witness to the  
7 atrocities of ICE.

8 In one instance, I counted up to ten  
9 officers pushing one man to the ground. One man.  
10 One man to the ground, ten officers.

11 And what is alarming is not just  
12 what was captured on that video. What's alarming  
13 is what led up to it. We're talking about  
14 cooperation with CPD and ICE. What I don't  
15 understand is why did this video get recorded  
16 after ICE had already left. Why was CPD still  
17 there, and why were witnesses pushed to the  
18 ground with excessive force?

19 When I arrived about an hour  
20 earlier, ICE was not present, yet there were at  
21 least 70 officers on the scene creating chaos,  
22 shouting conflicting commands. At one point --  
23 I'll end by saying the video is public. People  
24 can watch it, and we need accountability.

1           PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

2                           Nikita Farooq, Baltazar Enriquez,  
3 Omar, Alderman Manaa-Hoppenworth.

4           MS. FAROOQ: Hello. My name is Nikita  
5 Farooq, F-A-R-O-O-Q, and I'm a community  
6 organizer with the Party for Socialism and  
7 Liberation.

8                           In just one year of Trump's second  
9 term, we have seen ICE and CBP terrorize our  
10 communities across the country.

11                           We have seen DHS agents murder  
12 Silverio Villegas Gonzalez right here in Franklin  
13 Park. And just yesterday, they murdered Renee  
14 Nicole Good in Minneapolis.

15                           It is clear -- shame. It is clear  
16 that these agents, these masked terrorists, feel  
17 themselves to be above the law and accountable to  
18 no one. So why is it that CPD who claim to  
19 protect and serve Chicagoans have engaged in  
20 crowd control for ICE and have pulled over legal  
21 observers at the behest of Bovino? We have to  
22 ask who does CPD protect? Who do they serve?

23                           In 2020, as thousands took to the  
24 streets in outrage at the murder of George Floyd,

1       protestors were met with batons, tear gas, and  
2       mass arrests.

3                       CPD made it clear that they protect  
4       and serve property, not people.

5                       With their actions during Midway  
6       Blitz, CPD has further shown that they do not  
7       protect and serve immigrants. They do not  
8       protect and serve black and brown bodies. They  
9       do not protect and serve working-class  
10      Chicagoans, but they do protect masked agents who  
11      terrorize our communities. They do serve the  
12      interests of the billionaire backers of Trump's  
13      ultra right political program.

14                      The City can no longer prioritize  
15      the protection of federal agents over the  
16      protection of our neighbors.

17                      We demand an immediate end to all  
18      collaboration and for local officials to  
19      prosecute federal agents who violate state law.

20                      PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

21                      UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can we get an  
22      interpreter?

23                      THE INTERPRETER: Yeah. Good evening. I  
24      have proof that CPD works with ICE.

1                   On December 17th, I was patrolling,  
2                   and we saw ICE.

3                   On December 17th, I was patrolling,  
4                   and we saw ICE. We followed them all the south  
5                   of Chicago, Lake Shore Drive, Sheridan Drive. At  
6                   the end of Sheridan by lake -- by Lake Shore  
7                   Drive. The police pulled me over. They stopped  
8                   me, and they told me that they called 911 various  
9                   times stating that I was attempting to ram their  
10                  car multiple times. The Chicago Police  
11                  Department was after me, but they had stopped the  
12                  whole caravan that was following me, and that is  
13                  why we are sure that Chicago Police Department is  
14                  working with them. They are being protected by  
15                  the police, and who protects us? Thank you.

16                  UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Real quick. This is  
17                  what we do in Little Village. We've been doing  
18                  this since January 20th. We've been patrolling  
19                  from 5:00 in the morning to 7:00 p.m. These are  
20                  the people that make me -- make the Little  
21                  Village Community Council. They're going to  
22                  continue patrolling for the next 30 years. And  
23                  {\_\_\_} ICE.

24                  PRESIDENT TERRY: Alderman Manaa.

1 ALDERMAN MANAA-HOPPENWORTH: I represent the  
2 48th Ward where that happened, so I'm sorry that  
3 happened. And to those of you who are here, 80  
4 percent of success is showing up. Okay? That  
5 you showed up. We are going to get through this  
6 together. We will not be gaslit. We have the  
7 evidence. We see it on video. We have your  
8 testimony.

9 And to CCPSA, I want to remind you  
10 all that while I'm glad that we're here, together  
11 right now, you all couldn't exist a couple of  
12 years ago. You exist because of the power of the  
13 people.

14 So I'm imploring you to listen to  
15 what you're hearing today and to work with us to  
16 help us hold all of law enforcement accountable,  
17 no matter what their alphabet soup name is. You  
18 are all part of that, too. Alphabet soup of  
19 police accountability in Chicago.

20 We need to do better. So what is it  
21 we're going to do in this moment in history? How  
22 are we going to be different?

23 And thank you all for showing up.  
24 We need to continue to do that every single day

1 for each other because we keep us safe. We keep  
2 us safe. We keep us safe. We keep us safe. We  
3 keep us safe. We keep us safe. We keep us safe.

4 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Our next  
5 speakers are Scarlet Johnson, Peter Doorman,  
6 Elena Gormaley.

7 ALDERMAN MANAA-HOPPENWORTH: If you can  
8 please, please yield the time I did not speak to  
9 the next speaker.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Hello. My name is Scarlet  
11 Johnson. She/her pronouns. I'm in the 2nd  
12 District. On October 14th, I was tear-gassed by  
13 ICE and watched CPD and ICE collaboration.

14 I watched CPD protect ICE with  
15 their -- with their backs to ICE and facing the  
16 crowd. You face who -- you have your back to  
17 those who you are protecting.

18 Why is CPD protecting a bunch of  
19 armed thugs kidnapping our community members?

20 I am here -- you can define  
21 collaboration however you want, but we all know  
22 that protecting C -- ICE as they kidnap our  
23 community members is collaboration. Providing  
24 safety to them is collaboration. Guarding them

1 as they make their exits and tear-gas CPD  
2 themselves, as well as the crowd, is  
3 collaboration.

4 I am demanding that the council has  
5 CPD arrest officers for traffic violations. Have  
6 CPD arrest Gregory Bovino for his use of chemical  
7 weapons. Have ICP and CPD officers who have been  
8 documented on video and photos suspended without  
9 pay for 30 days.

10 And to end, I'm incredibly  
11 disappointed by the Commission in how much time  
12 they took to talk and not listen today.

13 We started 45 minutes late. We're  
14 all working people. We have jobs. You all have  
15 public platforms that you can make comments on  
16 your own time. This is a listening session, and  
17 you all need to do much better at listening.

18 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

19 MR. DOORMAN: Hello. My name is Peter  
20 Doorman. I'm a part of the collective that  
21 stands with the unhoused and against systemic  
22 waste of resources that are encampment sweeps.

23 On Friday, October 24th, a camera  
24 from the company LiveView Technologies, which

1 was -- which on its website boasts a 380 percent  
2 increase in arrests at retail locations and AI  
3 capabilities, including the potential to  
4 broadcast messages to those it surveils was  
5 installed in Gompers Park.

6 On Wednesday, October 29th, only  
7 five days later, ICE made their first abduction  
8 at the park since the beginning Midway Blitz of a  
9 day laborer after a chase on foot through the  
10 park.

11 That same day, three others were  
12 abducted from the area, including two unhoused  
13 residents of Eugene Field Annex. Another  
14 unhoused resident was abducted the following  
15 Saturday. This is no coincidence.

16 We know that ICE is able to access  
17 CPD data from the -- from their cameras,  
18 including this camera, which is operated by CPD  
19 and was installed by CPD at the behest of the  
20 Park District.

21 These cameras have also been  
22 utilized in retail lots such as Lowe's and Home  
23 Depot to target day laborers.

24 The Mayor's Office has so far been

1       apathetic to residents and neighbors' requests  
2       that the camera be removed.

3                       Within weeks at the direct request  
4       of Alderman Sam Nugent of the 39th Ward and  
5       confirmed by Beth Tomlins of the Park District,  
6       the camera was relocated across the street to the  
7       Eugene Field annex pointed directly at the  
8       encampment, a number of unhoused community  
9       members call home.

10                      Since then, residents of the  
11       encampments have received repeat demonstrations  
12       of camera's AI capabilities, namely speaking  
13       directly to residents, broadcasting emotionally  
14       manipulative messages to them about their  
15       personal activities.

16                      To be clear, the camera is speaking  
17       to our neighbors.

18                      If this sounds dystopian, that's  
19       because it is.

20                      Our most vulnerable community  
21       members are --

22                      PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Thank you.

23                      MS. GORMALEY: Good evening. My name is  
24       Elena. I'm a social worker and a homeowner that

1 lives in the 49th Ward.

2 I'm here because my grandparents  
3 showed extraordinary bravery risking their lives  
4 to fight Nazis in Europe.

5 I am here because my parents and my  
6 synagogue risked their lives and livelihood  
7 smuggling prayer books and Jewish ritual objects  
8 behind the Iron Curtain into the Soviet Union.

9 There is no daylight between ICE,  
10 CPD, and Stalin's secret police.

11 There is no daylight between ICE,  
12 CPD, CBP, and the Gestapo.

13 The only thing that is different is  
14 that right now, at least on paper, it's not yet  
15 illegal to say this out loud, but standing up and  
16 doing this, can get you murdered.

17 I do not need to repeat what other  
18 people who are smarter than me and braver than me  
19 have already said, but CPD is absolutely  
20 collaborating with ICE in ways that violate the  
21 law.

22 The law has to mean something. I  
23 know that you all care a lot and are trying your  
24 best, but I still will say to every one of you on

1 that dias, your best is not good enough right  
2 now.

3 You have state power. {\_\_\_} use it.

4 You have far more connections and  
5 influence and the ability to actually do what  
6 this body is set out to do than anyone here.

7 This body is not supposed to be a  
8 nice line on your resumé.

9 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

10 Our next three speakers are Kayla  
11 Nguyen, Ihab Mikati, Noreen McNulty.

12 MS. NGUYEN: Hello. My name is Kayla Nguyen.  
13 I'm with the Chicago Alliance against Racist and  
14 Political Repression.

15 I've said this twice today, and I'll  
16 say it again now, a sanctuary City is only as  
17 powerful as the people and the movement that  
18 defends it.

19 It has taken 218 days of the  
20 consistent and powerful unifying efforts of the  
21 District Councils, community organizations, the  
22 people of Chicago, and over 2000 signatures for  
23 this Commission to do what is right, for us to  
24 have the right to even suggest what this City,

1 its news outlets and its people know to be true.

2 Trump doesn't need the National  
3 Guard to march on Chicago, if we have CPD on  
4 these streets brutalizing our peaceful  
5 communities protesting or merely observing ICE as  
6 they kidnap our neighbors and loved ones.

7 Trump doesn't need the National  
8 Guard if we have CPD allowing ICE into their  
9 facilities and clapping federal agents on the  
10 back. Our local and law enforcement giving them  
11 hugs and snacks. And Trump doesn't need the  
12 National Guard if we have a Commission that fails  
13 to hold these police accountable for their  
14 continued relentless collaboration with ICE and  
15 violence on our black and brown communities,  
16 because collaboration goes beyond these loving  
17 and tender interactions. Collaboration occurs  
18 every time an officer looks the other way from an  
19 ICE agent speeding down our residential streets  
20 50 miles an hour, going the wrong way on streets  
21 where children with play and ride their bikes.

22 It is time to hold CPD  
23 accountable. It is time to suspend these  
24 collaborating officers without pay. It is time

1 for the arrest of Greg Bovino for justice for all  
2 victims of killer cops and ICE. And it is time  
3 to pass the CPOP referendum so that we, the  
4 people, can elect our own damn Commission that  
5 will do their {\_\_\_} jobs. Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

7 MR. MIKATI: My name is Ihab Mikati.  
8 I-H-A-B, M-I-K-A-T-I. I'm a naturalized  
9 immigrant. I'm married to a non-citizen  
10 immigrant, and instead of the wedding we'd  
11 imagined, we rushed to marry a week after our  
12 engagement in fear of the out-of-control tactics  
13 of ICE and border control allowed to run wild in  
14 our City.

15 The only ones who made us feel safe  
16 during that time were not the Chicago Police, but  
17 our community and rapid responders of regular  
18 ordinary citizens of Chicago.

19 Chicago's Welcoming City Ordinance  
20 prohibits City agencies from assisting in or  
21 participating in immigration enforcement  
22 operations. Specifically, Section 217320-A6 of  
23 the code bars City agencies like CPD from  
24 providing on-site support for setting up traffic

1 perimeters to assist in immigration enforcement  
2 operations.

3 As we heard earlier, three weeks ago  
4 near my -- near my home, Uptown, on Sheridan Road  
5 in Edgewater, Block Hub Chicago published  
6 photographic evidence of a violation of Section  
7 A6 when a, quote, "A crew of Chicago Police cars  
8 stopped traffic on Sheridan Road and pulled over  
9 a driver who is following a caravan of Border  
10 Patrol agents."

11 CPD claimed they were responding to  
12 an attempted ramming call. I don't know what an  
13 attempted ramming looks like on the furry road  
14 that we call Sheridan, but it's clear that border  
15 agents use CPD as an effective tool for  
16 neutralizing the only people who are out there  
17 trying to keep us safe from rogue federal agents.

18 We've heard the story that CPD are  
19 there to keep us safe, not to help ICE operations  
20 go off smoothly. Yet, despite countless videos  
21 we have of ICE ramming, assaulting, shooting and  
22 otherwise violating Chicagoans' rights, not to  
23 mention make making false 911 calls, we haven't  
24 seen a single video of local police arresting or

1 interfering with these brigands. And as we saw  
2 yesterday, when they eventually murder someone,  
3 they will actively block local police from  
4 investigating. So you will forgive us for  
5 questioning --

6 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Noreen McNulty.

7 MS. McNULTY: Thank you. Noreen McNulty.  
8 N-O-R-E-E-N, M-C-N-U-L-T-Y. I'm from Little  
9 Village also, and I was there on October 23rd  
10 when Bovino and his goons came to Little Village.  
11 I watched CPD not only collaborate with ICE, I  
12 saw the ten people jump on one woman. I saw them  
13 chasing young people. They pepper sprayed.  
14 They -- well, Bovino and his crew, et cetera.

15 I want to concede the rest of my  
16 time to Jazmine.

17 MS. SALAS: And I would love to have the time  
18 that I didn't get to use back to my time, if  
19 possible.

20 I want to shout out to Anthony and  
21 Aaron. I do respect y'all. I'm very frustrated  
22 with the way that some of these councilors are  
23 handling themselves -- Commissioners. I'm sorry.  
24 Commissioners are handling themselves.

1           But that aside, I would like to read  
2 the speech that I came here to read, because this  
3 collaboration with CPD and ICE is disgusting. It  
4 needs to end yesterday. If not right now,  
5 immediately over.

6           So during operation Midway Blitz, I  
7 was involved in migra watching in my  
8 neighborhood, Little Village. I personally  
9 witnessed -- hey, I have a stutter. I personally  
10 witnessed CPD cooperate with ICE on one occasion,  
11 and that is the occasion on October 23rd. At  
12 10:00 o'clock a.m. I joined a crowd behind the  
13 Discount Mall confronting ICE agents, and Bovino  
14 himself -- who needs to be arrested -- near 27th  
15 and Albany. ICE agents deployed tear gas and  
16 shot tear gas bullets into the crowd. There were  
17 about 50 people right across from 20 ICE agents  
18 who were in complete tactical gather, all armed,  
19 and that's I noticed CPD arriving on the scene.  
20 By this point, the crowd had moved east to 27th  
21 and Troy. CPD agents stood in between ICE and  
22 community members attempting to hold back the  
23 crowd and allow ICE to get away. That area of  
24 Troy Street, I'm very familiar with because I

1 live right around the corner. It's industrial.  
2 It's got gravel road. There is no need to clean  
3 the street, only to allow ICE to get away. And I  
4 have this all on video. I'd be happy to share  
5 the video with anybody who wants it,  
6 Commissioners, people in the crowd. I'm happy to  
7 share. Damn it.

8 Well, one officer stated to let them  
9 get out of here, talking to us. Let ICE get out  
10 of here. And I witnessed more collaboration. I  
11 witnessed CPD forcing people on the sidewalk, and  
12 I saw how that it allowed ICE to get away and  
13 kidnap somebody. Kidnap somebody's mother,  
14 somebody's loved one, and then I witnessed CPD  
15 arresting a woman who seemingly did nothing at  
16 all but stand there, and that's disgusting. And  
17 you all are part of -- are part of the system.  
18 You are an accountability body.

19 We drafted this ordinance because we  
20 wanted y'all to be open to accountability. And  
21 this is disgusting, and this is disappointing.

22 And, finally, there are going to be  
23 three vacancies for Commissioners. Let's get  
24 {\_\_\_} ready.

1           PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

2                         Our next three speakers are Grace  
3 Patino. Grace Patino, William Oldham, Nicholas  
4 Hernandez.

5           MS. PATINO: Hi. So, thank you. Firstly, we  
6 still have known Oath Keepers working on the  
7 police force. It's imperative that the task  
8 force the mayor called to root out officers  
9 involved in white supremacist organizations be up  
10 functioning and holding officers accountable now  
11 more than ever with this rogue federal government  
12 and its private army being used to brutalize us  
13 and kidnap our neighbors, and I implore the  
14 Commission who sits on that task force to push  
15 this work forward.

16                         Secondly, CPD has secured scenes and  
17 blocked traffic for ICE while federal agents  
18 kidnapped Chicagoans. Like, for example, on  
19 November 8th at Sawyer and 23rd to 26th Street  
20 where CPD lined up to create a corridor to  
21 facilitate ICE carrying out a kidnapping.

22                         I implore the Commission to  
23 investigate what, if any, further written  
24 directives, internal memos, or internal guidance

1 exist defining CPD's non-collaboration with ICE  
2 and make it public.

3           What does collaboration and  
4 assistance really mean on the ground? Has CPD  
5 gotten heads-up from the Feds before action, for  
6 example, when they raided the apartment building  
7 on South Shore? Are officers being trained on  
8 this guidance? Who is watching over this to  
9 ensure this collusion is not happening behind  
10 closed doors? How can we trust this process  
11 currently in place with Oath Keepers on the  
12 force?

13           I ask the Commission to write more  
14 specific policy around CPD's non-collaboration  
15 with ICE, and to make any private records  
16 regarding collaboration and trainings public.  
17 Without this clarity and transparency, how does  
18 CPD know when it's following protocol and  
19 upholding our Welcoming City Ordinance? How does  
20 the City hold its officers colluding with ICE  
21 accountable?

22           We do not have time for months and  
23 months of community listening sessions that  
24 result in ultimately a failure to carry out what

1 the community is asking of you.

2 We rose to the occasion when  
3 hundreds of ICE agents stormed our city, but we  
4 need you to do your part, too.

5 Now, we're at a point in history  
6 where each one of us, but particularly those in  
7 government, are going to be remembered for what  
8 we did and what we did not do during this period.  
9 How are you going to be remembered?

10 I urge this Commission to use their  
11 power now while they still have it.

12 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

13 Will Oldham and Nicholas Hernandez.

14 MR. OLDHAM: Hi, everyone. My name is  
15 William. I'm a resident of Rogers Park and a  
16 proud member of Socialist Alternative here in the  
17 City and all over the world. And over the past  
18 seven months, we've seen Pritzker allow state  
19 police to beat people at Broadview.

20 Brandon Johnson has told us there's  
21 nothing he can do to make CPD intervene to  
22 protect legal observers, not that we would ever  
23 expect them to.

24 So we can't trust these democrats,

1 and we can't trust these cops.

2 We haven't for a long time, and  
3 they've done nothing to change that.

4 The work of rapid response  
5 organizers in this City has been absolutely  
6 heroic.

7 If you haven't followed -- if you  
8 haven't followed the work of Project Rogers Park  
9 up in my neighborhood, you should.

10 As a part of school patrols and  
11 rapid response with PRP, me and my neighbors have  
12 seen how CPD allows CBP to use their station  
13 parking lots, defend each other and more. We've  
14 seen them defend ICE agents. We've seen them  
15 intimidate protestors and intimidate local  
16 leaders.

17 But the District Councilors that  
18 spoke at the beginning are right. Look at what  
19 community power can bring together.

20 ICE are using hit-and-run tactics  
21 all over the City and country, and we know that  
22 CPD won't keep us safe from these mercenaries  
23 that have now killed legal observers.

24 The strategy of the CCPSA seem to

1 want us to take by having a listening session  
2 will not keep us safe. We need our own strategy,  
3 folks. A collective offensive strategy. We  
4 can't just stay on the defensive. We have to  
5 take the fight to Trump, to ICE, to the whole  
6 billionaire class.

7 Walkouts of campuses and workplace  
8 to shutdown business as usual. Shut down the  
9 banks on LaSalle Street. Shut down the federal  
10 buildings.

11 We need a shift in our strategy from  
12 defensive to offensive. We're trying to help  
13 build that here in the City. Meetings where we  
14 can come together as neighborhood groups and real  
15 fighting organizations, talking together, open  
16 for all where we can plan for sit-ins, walkouts,  
17 and strikes.

18 If Brandon Johnson wants to say  
19 there should be a general strike, let's damn well  
20 give him one.

21 If you're interested in being part  
22 of the process, find one of --

23 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: (Speaking Spanish.)

1           I don't know where the camera's at, but  
2 for Donald Trump, {\_\_\_} you. I got to say that.  
3 I'm sorry, but you y'all need to do a little bit  
4 more.

5           I sent out an email to your  
6 Inspector Office, and I haven't heard back since  
7 November 5th. You ask us to trust the police.  
8 Trust is earned.

9           If I don't see Bovino getting  
10 arrested the next time he's in town, why am I  
11 going to help out the police? Why should any  
12 undocumented person help their neighbor out? And  
13 this is for anybody that has documents that says  
14 that is not my fight. If you're a victim of a  
15 crime, and an undocumented person witnessed that  
16 crime, why the {\_\_\_} would they stand up to even  
17 be a witness to your crime and help you?

18           I had to witness people die on my  
19 block. I can't go to the police because I can't  
20 force undocumented people to fight for me because  
21 I don't want to endanger them.

22           I need y'all to do your job. Even  
23 if there are good cops still around, they need to  
24 be able to report their coworkers because we have

1 three years of this. What are we going to do  
2 between March and November once the winter's  
3 gone?

4 Do your jobs. Why are you guys  
5 depending on just citizens with whistles?

6 We're -- we're paying our tax money.  
7 You have a gun to your hip, a badge. I was  
8 already told, Oh, you're not in the police  
9 officer's shoes to know what we do. Well, I had  
10 to witness someone die. I had to provide first  
11 aid to somebody. What? With a whistle? With a  
12 freaking tampon to -- with my own hand to make  
13 sure they don't bleed out. I'm on disability  
14 retirement. I'd rather be at home.

15 Once more, {\_\_\_} Donald Trump.

16 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

17 Our next three speakers are Megan  
18 Christopher, Chris Gentry, and Colin Kovarik.

19 MS. CHRISTOPHER: I have a stutter, so I ask  
20 for some grace if it gets out of hand, please.

21 Thank you. I'm a resident of the  
22 26th Ward, a lifelong Chicagoan and a mom. I  
23 lead a school Safe Passage Program, and I'm an  
24 active member of our community. A community that

1 is sharing, oh, my God -- I lost my place.

2 A community that is sharing  
3 documentation of CPD driving with convoys,  
4 standing guard for ICE, blocking roads, and  
5 preventing residents from documenting abductions  
6 as they facilitated the DHS assault on Chicago.

7 We have watched Chicago police  
8 officers who swore to serve and protect us,  
9 instead protect anonymous masked agents who  
10 created a war zone in our parks, streets, homes,  
11 and schoolyards.

12 My children's school is two blocks  
13 from the police station. I cannot count the  
14 number of times I received a text from a neighbor  
15 that ICE was nearby and watched as trucks full of  
16 CPD, sometimes in tactical gear, raced off in  
17 that direction

18 Every day I stood at the corner of  
19 my children's school with only a yellow vest and  
20 50 cent whistle to protect my children, their  
21 classmates from reckless driving, chemical  
22 weapons, and armed thugs.

23 We are doing the job that Chicago  
24 police officers swore they would do with pride.

1                   WBEZ reported that at least 2800  
2 Chicago residents were abducted during the DHS  
3 siege of our City this autumn. The DHS claims  
4 that they abducted over 4500.

5                   CPD took police reports for 87  
6 abductions in 2025, and only 23 since September.

7                   The Chicago Police Department is  
8 required to take a police report of criminal  
9 offenses. Where are these reports? Who verified  
10 the victims? Who verified the authorizations to  
11 trespass? Of these thousands of abductions, how  
12 many were taken by ICE or by monsters who snuck  
13 in during the chaos now that a face mask, a \$5  
14 embroidered police patch is all -- allow for full  
15 impunity to abduct and assault residents of  
16 Chicago? How many vulnerable people have been  
17 stolen as the CPD has enjoyed the show?

18                   The Chicago Police Department is  
19 fully complicit in the tragedy of the last four  
20 months in Chicago, both through what it has done  
21 and through what it has not. Thank you.

22                   PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

23                   MR. GENTRY: Hello, everyone. My name is  
24 Chris Gentry. I'm both an organizer with Common

1 Defense in Puno and Pilsen.

2 I'm here today to talk about a  
3 specific incident but also a broader situation.

4 The stuff that happened yesterday in  
5 Minneapolis has hit really home with me. I'm a  
6 veteran. I, you know, served in combat. Right?  
7 And on October the 25th, down in Little Village,  
8 when responding as part of a rapid responder  
9 situation, behind -- was it the 23rd -- behind  
10 the Discount Mall. After the tear gas situation  
11 happened, when the -- after CPD had cleared the  
12 way for ICE to leave and go kidnap more  
13 neighbors, as they were leaving, one of -- and as  
14 they were leaving, we were protesting, the ICE  
15 agents in front of a police six inches from him  
16 rolled his window down, put his handgun toward my  
17 head, and said "Bang, you're dead."

18 He did that six inches from a police  
19 officer who when I turned to that officer and  
20 said, "What are you going to do?" He said, "I'm  
21 not going to do anything. They're a fed."  
22 Right? They chose in that moment to do {\_\_\_}.

23 That exact moment we then went from  
24 there out to 26th Street where overwhelmingly,

1 again, as protestors were happening, the police  
2 continued to defend the position the entire time.

3 Then two weeks later, responding to  
4 another rapid responder situation at the -- near  
5 the FBI headquarters on Roosevelt and Damen.

6 Right? I witnessed another rapid responder get  
7 kidnapped from her car, her window smashed in.

8 Right? And while other people were just  
9 videotaping, CPD rolled up with 40 cars at the  
10 request of ICE and started blocking all access to  
11 videotaping anything that occurred. Right?

12 So, again, we've watched this --  
13 this is not counting the countless numbers of  
14 times that CPD has stood by while bike patrollers  
15 have been knocked off their bikes by ICE vehicles  
16 in front of CPD officers.

17 Two weeks -- three weeks ago, right  
18 before Christmas, I watched as another bike  
19 patroller, an ICE vehicle went in, opened his  
20 door and slammed the guy out of his car right in  
21 front of a cop who literally shrugged at me.  
22 Right?

23 This is happening in our City, and  
24 it's on you to make something happen.

1           PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

2           MR. KOVARIK: You called Colin Kovarik?

3           Okay. My name is Colin Kovarik, also a resident  
4           of Rogers Park. Name, C-O-L-I-N, K-O-V-A-R-I-K.

5                        I'm not going to take up too much of  
6           your time, but I'll finish our statement.

7                        If you're interested in being a part  
8           of the process to build a collective offensive  
9           strategy in this City and beyond, if you want to  
10          work with us as an individual or organization to  
11          beat back ICE and keep our neighbors safe, find  
12          one of us with a clipboard at our table inside or  
13          at our table outside. And I cede -- I cede the  
14          rest of my time to the next speaker.

15          PRESIDENT TERRY: Our next three speakers,  
16          Grace Larson, Anooshka Gupta, Sofia Brunwin.

17          MS. LARSON: Hi. We at Parks For All just  
18          came to highlight that camera and highlight that  
19          any form of surveillance of that sort is  
20          collaboration with ICE. CPD knows this. They  
21          use this as a way to give them information. And  
22          I'm also going to cede my time. So the next  
23          persons gets...

24          MS. GUPTA: Hi. My name is Anooshka,

1 A-N-O-O-S-H-K-A, Gupta, G-U-P-T-A. I'm an  
2 Edgewater resident in the 48th Ward with my  
3 alderperson here. And I'm here to express my  
4 disappointment in CPD violating the Welcoming  
5 City Ordinance and to ask this Commission to  
6 finally hold CPD accountable.

7 So back in October, I happened to  
8 see concern about a detention around Winthrop and  
9 Balmoral. They wanted to confirm if this had  
10 been ICE or CBP or if this was a CPD action. So  
11 we reached out to our alderperson's office, to  
12 Alderperson Manaa-Hoppenworth, to ask her to  
13 contact CPD to confirm if this was CPD action.  
14 They denied being at the scene. We would thought  
15 it was HSI. And then I don't know how long  
16 afterwards, they told us that they were actually  
17 at the scene for a drug charge. So they had  
18 initially told us they weren't at the scene.  
19 After confirm -- like trying to confirm it. They  
20 then recanted their story and told us they were  
21 at the scene.

22 In December, as many people have  
23 talked about, CPD blocked traffic and cleared  
24 space at the Hollywood Lake Shore Drive exit to

1 allow ICE and CBP to travel north to Rogers Park  
2 and Evanston.

3           Again, our alderperson reached out  
4 to CPD to get clarification to understand what  
5 was going on. They did not give us clear  
6 answers. They did not respond to our questions.  
7 And later that day, they were thanked for their  
8 help for getting -- for getting their cars up  
9 to -- up north.

10           And so I ask if CPD can't even be  
11 honest with our elected officials, how are we  
12 supposed to trust them as residents of the City?

13           They are actively eroding their  
14 trust with the community by looking for loopholes  
15 to justify collaborating with ICE and CBP. And  
16 this tells me that they do not care about us.  
17 They do not care about Chicago's residents, and  
18 they are here to protect the people in power, and  
19 they are here to enact ICE and CBP's agenda.

20           And this sets a dangerous precedent  
21 for the City that you are allowing to continue  
22 happen.

23           So, Commission, I urge you to act  
24 and to actually hold CBP -- or CPD accountable

1 for their actions.

2 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

3 MS. BRUNWIN: Hello. My name is Sofia  
4 Brunwin. S-O-F-I-A, B-R-U-N-W-I-N. I'm a  
5 teacher and an artist in Chicago. I was also  
6 there in Little Village on November 8th, as other  
7 people have said, on 23rd and Sawyer, and I  
8 witnessed the perimeter that CPD set up to aid  
9 ICE action, and I also witnessed their confusion  
10 and their inability to even understand what they  
11 were doing themselves.

12 I've looked at lines of police  
13 officers many times, and I've looked them in the  
14 eyes like I'm looking you in the eyes now, and  
15 I've asked them, "Why are you doing this?" And  
16 the only thing that they can use to justify is  
17 that they're following orders. And we've that  
18 before in history. Poignantly.

19 I've also worked as a teacher to  
20 children who recently arrived to this country.  
21 I've worked with children who have come from  
22 Venezuela and Ecuador, and in a moment when a  
23 child was able to speak to somebody, who was my  
24 coworker, for the first time that day who was

1     fluent in Spanish, he wanted to tell her what he  
2     had witnessed on his way here. He had seen  
3     things that I'm ashamed to bring to you guys. He  
4     had seen people staked to trees on his way over.  
5     This is an eight-year-old that I was talking to.

6                     There's a journey that's wrought  
7     with violence for people who are just trying to  
8     create ability for their children to live, and  
9     then they come here, and now you're being chased  
10    like you're a monster.

11                    Imagine going to school. Your mom  
12    is not sure if she can take you to school because  
13    she might get kidnapped where agents know  
14    vulnerable people are going to be.

15                    So we obviously look at each other  
16    as the power.

17                    In this room, I know there are  
18    people who are on the Board of Education. I know  
19    that there are community leaders who provide food  
20    and clothing at no charge through the Humboldt  
21    Park Solidarity Network who we heard speak  
22    recently.

23                    Viva Casa, Hernandez.

24                    So the power that we're looking for

1 is in ourselves, but put money into mental health  
2 in these schools, because the kids are not going  
3 to be well adjusted.

4 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Maureen Foody,  
5 Susan Mullen, Lucia Calderon.

6 MS. FOODY: All right. Two minutes starting  
7 now.

8 My name is Maureen. I'm one of the  
9 120 American citizens that was assaulted and  
10 arrested by federal agents this fall. I'm proud  
11 of that.

12 There were two instances where I saw  
13 clear coordination and assistance being offered  
14 by the CPD to federal agents while occupying our  
15 streets.

16 The first incident, many have talked  
17 about, November 8th, 2025, at Sawyer between  
18 Cermak and 23rd Street. Agents were traveling in  
19 a caravan -- agents were traveling in a caravan  
20 that was legally documented by citizens of the  
21 area.

22 There were several dozens of CPD  
23 squad cars and vehicles on the scenes to help  
24 with fed's crowd control.

1           People are rightfully angry about  
2 this continued presence of the masked men, but  
3 we're overall very peaceful.

4           I personally witnessed several CPD  
5 officers escalate tensions at the scene by  
6 pushing, shoving, ridiculing, and threatening to  
7 arrest people who were clearly just outside from  
8 their houses wearing pajamas. That day, federal  
9 agents claimed they were doing voluntary knock  
10 and talks. {\_\_\_} right. All while their chopper  
11 was overhead to obtain footage for flashy social  
12 media posts, bragging about what we Chicagoans  
13 have been subjected to.

14           The CPD formed a massive line on the  
15 in north side of Sawyer, prohibiting many of the  
16 crowd from witnessing these knock-and-talk  
17 harassments, even legal observers who were  
18 specifically requesting to watch the scene.

19           Some along the line of CPD officers  
20 were clearly upset, even crying in their  
21 uniforms, which many of the crowd pointed out  
22 that they knew their actions to be wrong; that  
23 they knew they should be standing side by side  
24 with us or against the feds.

1                   My second experience in CPD assist  
2 with the federal government was just a few weeks  
3 ago on December 16th.

4                   Once again at Little Village when I  
5 arrived at a holiday food give away. Feds were  
6 there. They don't a free turkey.

7                   Now, at 27th and Ridgeway, CPD  
8 officers arrived on the scene and were  
9 immediately aggressive and confrontational.

10                  We cannot have two standards of the  
11 law being applied to us. If I were to drive on  
12 the sidewalk, I would be arrested. They should  
13 arrest the feds.

14                  PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

15                  MS. MULLEN: Hello. My name is Susan Mullen.  
16 S-U-S-A-N, M-U-L-L-E-N. I'm a retired public  
17 school teacher. I did not expect to be speaking  
18 tonight. I did not expect when I retired that I  
19 would be tear-gassed. That I would witness these  
20 very same things.

21                  I was at the Discount Mall. I was  
22 at 24th and Sawyer. But what I'm really afraid  
23 of -- and I have video. Did I send it to the  
24 police? No. I do not trust the police.

1                   And when -- I am so proud of the  
2 people in this room because we have acted with  
3 bravery and with so much restraint. So much  
4 restraint. And my fear -- and it's an actual  
5 fear -- is that how long can we do that when we  
6 are being assassinated?

7                   I do not want vigilante groups. I  
8 do not want violence in our streets. But you as  
9 the public officials, the mayor, the alder  
10 people, if we cannot trust you, we have all  
11 {\_\_\_}. I don't know what to say.

12                   I want to know what your next steps  
13 are. What's your steps? How are you going to  
14 make sure this doesn't get worse? It's not  
15 getting better. And if anybody wants to take  
16 whatever time I have left, whoever's next can  
17 have it. Thank you so much.

18                   PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

19                   MS. CALDERON: Good evening, everyone. My  
20 name is Lucia Calderon. L-U-C-I-A. I'm also a  
21 lifelong resident of Chicago, a mother, and also  
22 a City employee.

23                   And so I'd like to start off by  
24 saying and sharing to remind everybody of the

1 13th Amendment. And what that 13th Amendment  
2 said, it was a formally abolishing slavery and  
3 involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for  
4 a crime after conviction.

5 We cannot reform a system that was  
6 always meant to oppress us. That cannot happen.  
7 And we cannot expect to just hold this Commission  
8 accountable for something that is not meant to be  
9 in their hands.

10 It was put for a power for all of  
11 us, but at the same time, our experience has not  
12 been that. And so, in my experience, in multiple  
13 instances -- on my first time when Midway Blitz  
14 began in September, on my way to work, we  
15 received different notifications that ICE was in  
16 the area. Upon my arrival, we watched ICE leave  
17 the area after kidnapping a man who had -- was on  
18 his way to work a block away. His car was left  
19 with nothing in it. They took his keys. In no  
20 way identified who this person was. It wasn't  
21 until the rapid responders, the volunteers  
22 on-site had to search the and luckily were able  
23 to find a piece of paper that had an address. We  
24 drove to the home of that man's family and had to

1 tell his wife that he had just been kidnapped.  
2 She had to figure out how to be able to care take  
3 for her daughter that she had no -- no other  
4 caretaker for.

5 After that in October when the same  
6 thing after the shooting on 39th and Kedzie, we  
7 were present, and what we witnessed was CPD  
8 assisting ICE every single time.

9 CPD would pretend to hold the line  
10 knowing that the protestors were already doing  
11 that.

12 From that, CPD continued to --  
13 continuously began to antagonize protestors and  
14 watch the way that ICE abused and arrested  
15 innocent people.

16 They tear-gassed folks, and we want  
17 to be able to say we need to hold --

18 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

19 The next three speakers are April  
20 Guevara Espinoza, Andrea Dantis, Sully  
21 Peterson-Quinn.

22 MS. ESPINOZA: Hello. My name is April  
23 Guevara Espinoza. Guevara, G-U-E-V-A-R-A,  
24 Espinoza, E-S-P-I-N-O-Z-A. I'm here today on

1 behalf of Impact for Equity and as a member of  
2 the GAPA Coalition.

3 Thank you to the District Councilors  
4 and the organizers whose advocacy during these  
5 times does not go unnoticed. And thank you to  
6 the Commissioners for the listening session this  
7 evening.

8 I am from Yuma, Arizona. The border  
9 wall was practically built in my backyard. It is  
10 a state that legalized racial profiling, and yet  
11 I've never seen immigration enforcement like I  
12 watched here in the City of Chicago, the  
13 progressive, welcoming sanctuary City of Chicago.

14 ICE came in full force. But where  
15 was CPD? Watching on the sidelines as the  
16 community they're supposed to serve was being  
17 tear-gassed, guiding ICE through neighborhoods,  
18 arresting protestors, advocating against the  
19 unlawful actions of ICE.

20 Local police should not be and  
21 cannot be involved in federal immigration  
22 enforcement efforts.

23 It strains their own capacity to  
24 address actual public safety concerns and greatly

1 diminishes the public's trust, the view that they  
2 already had in them.

3           After today's comments, today, the  
4 GAPA Coalition urges the Commission to call for  
5 an investigation into CPD's compliance, their  
6 action and their interaction. Whether it be COPA  
7 or the Inspector General, the investigation  
8 should be by the body who can ensure transparency  
9 and accountability. We do not want the police  
10 investigating themselves. The BIA should not be  
11 investigating alleged Welcoming City Ordinance  
12 violations.

13           If there are other systemic issues  
14 in this investigation process, then we urge the  
15 Commission to use their policymaking powers to  
16 fix those issues as well.

17           This fight is long from over. CPD  
18 cannot be complicit and cannot continue to stand  
19 on the sidelines as the community is brutalized.

20           PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

21           MS. PETERSON-QUINN: Hello. My name is Sully  
22 Peterson-Quinn. I'm the campaign coordinator for  
23 the Grassroots Alliance for Police  
24 Accountability. The GAPA Coalition was formed in

1 2021 and worked as part of the ECPS Coalition to  
2 draft the language for the ordinance that created  
3 the CCPSA Commission. And I wanted to share a  
4 story that touches on an earlier public comment  
5 around reported kidnappings and the importance  
6 that that can play in future accountability  
7 efforts.

8           So last year, a man in the Back of  
9 the Yards with legal immigration status who has  
10 lived in this country for over 30 years was taken  
11 by ICE at a gas station. Three days later, he  
12 was taken to a facility in Texas where he was  
13 eventually released after months of community and  
14 legal advocacy.

15           Following this, his family members  
16 attempted to file a kidnapping report with CPD.  
17 Although initially resistant, CPD ultimately  
18 filed the report.

19           If anyone else had been kidnapped by  
20 any other kidnapper, there would have been no  
21 hesitation. But since ICE masquerades as  
22 legitimate law enforcement, terrorizing our  
23 neighborhoods with impunity, trust between local  
24 law enforcement and community members has

1 continued to erode as chaos, uncertainty, and  
2 fear escalate.

3 When ICE is here in full force, we  
4 must be more well prepared.

5 CPD must document these abductions  
6 for what they are, egregious violations of state  
7 and federal law. Every kidnapping must be  
8 reported. A body of evidence must be assembled  
9 as the basis for future federal investigations  
10 under a different federal administration.

11 If they get away with it now while  
12 exploiting chaos and dysfunction at the local  
13 level, they get away with it for good.

14 Rather than standing by or being  
15 complicit while racist federal agents terrorize  
16 and kidnap our community members under the guise  
17 of immigration enforcement, CPD should be using  
18 every resource at its vast disposal to ensure  
19 that a future where we can actually seek  
20 accountability and justice is possible. That is  
21 the only way to protect people and keep people  
22 safe. Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. Andrea Dantis.  
24 Our next speakers are Jose Guerra, Antonio Ramos,

1 and Jon Ort.

2 MR. GUERRA: I'm Jose Guerra. I'm going to  
3 give my time to her. Thank you.

4 MS. CHALISA: Hi. My name is Farah Chalisa,  
5 and I'm human rights attorney here in the City of  
6 Chicago. I'm here on behalf of two parties. The  
7 first is a client of mine.

8 On December 22nd, 2025, my client,  
9 a U.S. citizen, was engaged in lawful community  
10 monitoring when she was observing ICE activity,  
11 documenting it, and alerting neighbors, which is  
12 all conduct that is constitutionally protected  
13 and is necessary precisely because the  
14 communities cannot depend on the police to  
15 protect them.

16 ICE agents responded by boxing her  
17 in in unmarked vehicles, screaming profanities at  
18 her, threatening to shoot her, removing her from  
19 her car forcibly while it was still in drive,  
20 then throwing her on the hood of her car and  
21 handcuffing her with such excessive force that  
22 she lost consciousness.

23 They ignored her repeated attempts  
24 at telling them that she's a U.S. citizen. They

1       instead mocked her national origin making  
2       statements like, "Just because you do that in  
3       your home country, doesn't mean you can do that  
4       here." And then they detained her without any  
5       cause at a secret ICE facility for hours.

6               When she was released, she was taken  
7       straight to the hospital because of the severity  
8       of her injuries.

9               And this whole incident, police were  
10       present, but they did not intervene. They did  
11       not de-escalate, they did not step in when the  
12       ICE agents had their hands on their weapons, and  
13       they did not choose to protect my client, a  
14       civilian; instead, they gathered around to  
15       protect ICE and to refuse to let the community  
16       members around help my client who was clearly  
17       being injured.

18               After witnessing this incident, a  
19       mother who lives in that same community later  
20       that day refused to call 911 when her  
21       six-year-old son had a seizure because she was  
22       scared that the police would instead bring ICE  
23       with them, and that instead of getting help for  
24       her child who was having a seizure, instead she

1 would be faced with violence and family  
2 separation. What if that was your child?

3 The second party I'm here on behalf  
4 of is my family because I refuse to ask them to  
5 uproot their lives and flee a fascist regime  
6 again.

7 So, instead, I'm going to stand  
8 here. I'm going to speak to you, and I'm going  
9 to fight, because a fascist federal agenda that  
10 uses fear as a weapon is exactly who CPD is  
11 serving right now.

12 And here's a message to them. Do  
13 not mistake uniforms, guns, or budgets for  
14 safety, because history is very clear about who  
15 authoritarian systems turn on next, and you are  
16 not protected because you decide to be glorified  
17 security guards for federal agents.

18 Immigrants in this country carry  
19 grit. They carry conviction, and we carry moral  
20 clarity.

21 We have seen this playbook of  
22 authoritarian regimes burn nations before, and we  
23 have seen what it means to resist these acts of  
24 terror by federal agents will not, in fact, scare

1 us into submission.

2 We have legal rights, and it's time  
3 for us to be on the offense. We are not afraid  
4 to use those legal rights against these federal  
5 agents and against police officers who decide to  
6 support them on their agenda of terror and state  
7 violence.

8 Everyone here to -- to everyone  
9 here, you have rights. You have legal options.  
10 If you are abused by ICE, ask about your legal  
11 options, because I'm ready for us to be on the  
12 offense. Do not let the government convince you  
13 that your only option is to submit. Thank you.

14 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

15 MR. RAMOS: Hello. My name is Antonio Ramos.  
16 I am the security coordinator for Pilsen Defense  
17 & Access. We secure our neighborhood, make sure  
18 families are safe, and parents can drop off their  
19 kids at school and pick them up safely so they  
20 get harassed by our Gestapo here.

21 I'd like to yield the rest of my  
22 time to our Alderman Byron Sigcho-Lopez.

23 ALDERMAN SIGCHO-LOPEZ: Thank you. And I'll  
24 be brief. I think a lot of people already have

1 said what needs to be said. But I'll tell you  
2 the power of the people. I heard some comments  
3 about what happened -- what transpired at 23rd  
4 and Sawyer. The 11-year-old child did not  
5 kidnapped by these mercenaries because of the  
6 power of the people.

7 The Police Department, the 10th  
8 District, the shame of that district that  
9 brutalized the people who were trying to protect  
10 that child.

11 We got people, neighbors protecting  
12 the child on the fence with their bodies. And  
13 what police did? Arrested three people. One of  
14 them with autism. And on top of that, she's  
15 still facing charges.

16 So I demand the last thing that we  
17 wanted to make sure -- and I don't mind, you  
18 know, that we can have this conversation, but  
19 when there's rumors, and when you see the rumors,  
20 there's no movement, and when there's no  
21 movement, there's no rumors.

22 It's clear, you're with the fascist  
23 or with the people. And I tell you, this moment,  
24 requires courage.

1                   That child is with us because of the  
2 people.

3                   And we to a demand from Governor  
4 Pritzker who has a lot of -- a lot of rumors.  
5 That's where you are hearing from. Zionists.  
6 These are the people dividing us. So also free  
7 Palestine as well.

8                   PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

9                   MR. ORT: Jon Ort. J-O-N, O-R-T. Thank you  
10 for the chance to speak.

11                   I will never forget June 4th of  
12 last year when CPD shielded ICE as the agents  
13 wielded and brandished semi-automatic weapons at  
14 peaceful protestors and abducted a dozen of our  
15 neighbors.

16                   It was obvious then that ICE was  
17 waiting for the first excuse to pull the trigger  
18 and to murder. And, in fact, we have seen that  
19 happen to two Chicagoans, in Minneapolis,  
20 possibly in Portland.

21                   I am the decedent of ancestors who  
22 resisted the Nazi regime in occupied  
23 Czechoslovakia and were killed in a concentration  
24 camp. And what I want to say is that when we

1 legitimate ICE by calling them federal law  
2 enforcement, when we dignify them by saying that  
3 they belong to the public, we are giving cover to  
4 a white supremacist paramilitary, to a modern-day  
5 Gestapo.

6 I want to close by beseeching you as  
7 the Commissioners, by imploring you, by begging  
8 you to believe in and to defend your own mandate.

9 This is a five-alarm fire. What  
10 does it say about how late the proverbial hour  
11 has become when you have to begin your own  
12 meeting by warning us that ICE could come here?  
13 That they could seek to arrest us? That they  
14 could seek to arrest you?

15 I'm begging you. This is all hands  
16 on deck. We need you to believe in your mandate,  
17 to fight like hell for your mandate, to believe  
18 in the accountability that I know brought you  
19 into office. Never to give up, not to acquiesce,  
20 not to compromise, instead to say that this is a  
21 time for you to give it all to this mission that  
22 you believe in. Thank you

23 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

24 Keith Judge, Anna Schibrowski,

1 Jordan Netkin.

2 MR. JUDGE: Hello. My name is Keith Judge.  
3 K-E-I-T-H, J-U-D-G-E. My family has lived here  
4 since 180. My mother is an immigrant from  
5 Germany and a naturalized citizen.

6 If the question is, have police  
7 across Illinois participated, supported, or  
8 assisted in any capacity with the immigration  
9 agents' enforcement operations, the answer is  
10 unequivocal and resounding, yes.

11 It's well documented and proof can  
12 be found with a simple search using your web  
13 browser.

14 You don't need to be Dick Tracy to  
15 get to the bottom of this.

16 It's as apparent as video evidence  
17 from multiple vantage points of Jonathan Ross  
18 shooting Renee Nicole Good in the head in broad  
19 daylight as she attempted to flee ICE in the  
20 streets of Minneapolis.

21 Jim Daley and South Side Weekly  
22 obtained evidence to is this effect by way of a  
23 FOIA request showing that calls for assistance  
24 prompted more than a dozen CPD units and several

1 high-ranking officers to respond to a facility at  
2 2245 South Michigan on June 6 of last year.

3 Caroline Kubzansky also reported  
4 for the Chicago Tribune that Chicago Police  
5 assisted ICE on route to Evanston on December  
6 17th, 2025. Chicago police officers could  
7 describe to you how it feels to swallow tear gas  
8 while establishing a security or traffic  
9 perimeter around ICE operations on the same day  
10 Marimar Martinez was shot several times. These  
11 perimeters are ostensibly to protect the public  
12 who are being abducted by heavily armed,  
13 unidentifiable masked men.

14 It seems apparent to those with  
15 eyes that see and hear that CPD and police across  
16 Illinois generally have repeatedly violated the  
17 Trust Act, but this doesn't appear to include the  
18 majority of our elected officials.

19 In my opinion, a better question  
20 for us to ask ourselves is, if police continue to  
21 violate the Trust Act at the direction of those  
22 who wrote and voted for it, while we are being  
23 terrorized with the expectation of remaining  
24 peaceful or facing criminal charges for defending

1 ourselves, while those who attack us are allowed  
2 to act with impunity, are we not prisoners in our  
3 own cities, neighborhoods, homes --

4 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

5 MS. SCHIBROWSKI: Hi. My name is Anna  
6 Schibrowski. A-N-N-A, S-C-H-I-R-B, as in boy,  
7 R-O-W-S-K-Y. I'm a community organizer with 11th  
8 Ward IPO and Bridgeport Alliance.

9 We have armed thugs who are paid  
10 with our tax dollars to terrorize our  
11 communities, to kill our community members,  
12 children, teens, grandmothers in our communities.  
13 And now on top of that, we have ICE in our  
14 community as well.

15 CPD answers to Mayor Brandon  
16 Johnson, and Mayor Brandon Johnson does not care  
17 about Latino people.

18 He tried to house Latino people in  
19 tents in the winter, unpolluted industrial land.  
20 He approved Sims metal permits and Damen silos's  
21 demolition, bringing pollution to Latino  
22 communities. And he did not act on the threat of  
23 ICE until they raided an apartment building with  
24 black residents.

1                   We call on you, the Commission, to  
2 do what the mayor will not do and bring CPD to  
3 heel.

4                   On October 23rd, 2025, social media  
5 news showed CPD blocking the community from  
6 demanding answers when ICE used chemical weapons  
7 in Little Village.

8                   CPD officers arrived at the scene at  
9 10:15 a.m., after getting 911 calls for  
10 assistance, including from federal agents,  
11 according to the CPD themselves.

12                   On December 17th, on social media,  
13 we saw posts that CPD had stopped drivers who  
14 were observing ICE and refused to let those  
15 drivers continue into Evanston, and the Evanston  
16 police also collaborated with ICE and blocked  
17 drivers on the Evanston side.

18                   Border Patrol Chief Greg Bovino's  
19 account thanked Chicago and Evanston's police  
20 departments.

21                   I've been fortunate that I have not  
22 been on the front lines of rapid response or  
23 having ICE directly near my home when I was at  
24 home, so I've been seeing these things on social

1 media. I've been seeing these in group chats.  
2 I've been seeing these from our lovely local  
3 media. These are freely available for you --

4 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

5 MR. NETKIN: Hello. My name is Jordan  
6 Netkin, and I'm a homeowner in the 30th Ward, and  
7 I want to say that ICE are the ones bringing  
8 violence into our communities, and the Chicago  
9 Police are enabling them. And so far, it's been  
10 up to all of us, the people, to protect each  
11 other and keep each other safe, and that's not  
12 right.

13 I want to join my neighbors in  
14 demanding justice for those who have had their  
15 rights violated by ICE and accountability for the  
16 Chicago police officers who have unlawfully  
17 assisted them. In other words, I'm asking the  
18 police to do their {\_\_\_} jobs and protecting and  
19 serving the people of this City, not these ICE  
20 thugs. And please stop gaslighting us by  
21 claiming no collaboration is occurring because we  
22 know that it is.

23 We already have to listen to daily  
24 lies and {\_\_\_} coming from the White House and

1 DHS. We don't need it from our own City's police  
2 department, too.

3 We're not fools. We see your body  
4 language right now.

5 We need the Chicago Police  
6 Department to uphold the law and hold these ICE  
7 Gestapo January 6 riotors, Proud Boy thugs  
8 accountable.

9 ICE, DHS, and the Trump regime have  
10 this attitude like they can do whatever they want  
11 and get away with it.

12 I want Chicago Police Department to  
13 again do their jobs and send a message to these  
14 lawless thugs and the federal government that  
15 that attitude won't fly here in Chicago.

16 I fully support demands laid out by  
17 the Commission.

18 Arrest ICE officers for traffic  
19 violations. Arrest Greg Bovino for his use of  
20 chemical weapons and discipline officers who have  
21 unlawfully assisted ICE in Chicago -- in CBP.

22 Additionally, I am calling on  
23 Chicago Police Department to clearly document and  
24 publically report all interactions with ICE and

1       CBP, require regular officer trainings on these  
2       legal limits, and ensure that there are real  
3       consequences when violations occur.

4                       I stand with my immigrant neighbors,  
5       and I always will. Thank you.

6               PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

7               VICE PRESIDENT RUBI NAVARIJO: Our next three  
8       speakers are Claudette Smith, Jeff Tischauser,  
9       and Chela Garcia.

10                      Claudette Smith is our next  
11       speaker.

12              MR. SMITH: Hello. Good evening. We're in  
13       the predicament that we're in right now because  
14       of refusals --

15              PRESIDENT TERRY: Please say your name for  
16       the record.

17              MR. SMITH: My name is Claudette Smith.  
18       We're in the predicament that we're in right now  
19       because of refusals to address ableists gendered  
20       anti-blackness. That's the truth.

21                      Now, what we've seen tonight, the  
22       way you all have been treated by the members of  
23       this Commission, the reliance and the maneuvering  
24       around policy and rules and what can and can't be

1 done, all of that dishonest maneuvering is what  
2 you all have done to black communities for  
3 decades.

4           Now, the community defense efforts  
5 that have been underway, these efforts and the  
6 community defense capacity building have not been  
7 inclusive of black Americans and have refused to  
8 attend to anti-blackness. And because so much --  
9 the explicit federal basis and justifications for  
10 the invasions have been drug enforcement, gang  
11 enforcement, firearms enforcement, all things  
12 that are -- that are over-associated with black  
13 American decedents of slaves. And it does not  
14 make me -- it does not make me or my community  
15 members Tariq Nasheed, it does not make us  
16 foundational black persons, it does not make us  
17 xenophobes to surface the truth of how non-black  
18 communities of color have been predatory on black  
19 communities for decades.

20           So the tools that you all are using  
21 right now were not just developed by the Panthers  
22 in the '60s, but they were developed in the '70s,  
23 '80s, '90s, and the 2000s by disabled  
24 neurodivergent sex workers, drug users -- drug

1 users, drug sellers and criminals.

2 The folks that Chicago communities  
3 made the enemy. The folks that y'all's community  
4 made the anti-community. Okay.

5 So with the situation that we're in  
6 right now, as AI was noted earlier, any type of  
7 resistance is going to be truncated. The  
8 latitude for any type of resistance on any issue  
9 or anything --

10 VICE PRESIDENT RUBI NAVARIJO: Thank you.  
11 Thank you.

12 Our next speaker is Jeff Tishauser.

13 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

14 MR. TISHAUSER: Hello, everybody. My name is  
15 Jeff Tishauser. I'm part of a school patrol.  
16 I'm involved with protests at the ICE facility.  
17 I'm also investigating fascism, the rise of it,  
18 in the City of Chicago. And let us remind each  
19 other here that there are Oath Keepers still in  
20 the Chicago Police Department. There are Proud  
21 Boys still in the Chicago Police Department.

22 So, I'm here to demand, like  
23 everybody else, that we stop collaborating with  
24 DHS.

1           I don't need to go through all the  
2 reasons. We've heard them right the last couple  
3 of hours. All I'm asking here -- all we're  
4 asking you to do is enforce the {\_\_\_} law. Tell  
5 the people you {\_\_\_} hire to enforce the {\_\_\_}  
6 law.

7           There needs to be equality in how  
8 we pursue law and order. There is traffic  
9 violations going on throughout our City because  
10 of DHS. We have Greg Bovino, little Greg Bovino  
11 violating Judge Ellis's protective order every  
12 single time he steps into Chicago.

13           Enforce the order. And where are  
14 the cops at? Are they still over there? Yo, I  
15 got tear-gassed with y'all. They're tear-gassing  
16 y'all, too.

17           Bullets don't see your badge either.  
18 Right? So DHS, they don't care about anybody in  
19 this room. DHS, they don't care about the  
20 communities that we live in.

21           It says on CPD squad cars, "Protect  
22 and serve." Who are we protecting? Who are  
23 y'all serving when we don't enforce laws against  
24 DHS committing crimes against us?

1                   So y'all, that's all I got to say.  
2 I want to say thank you -- thank you for  
3 everybody getting those signatures. This is an  
4 important first step. This is not over. Thank  
5 you for the alders who showed up. And that's all  
6 I got to say. Thank you.

7                   VICE PRESIDENT RUBI NAVARIJO: Thank you.  
8 Chela Garcia.

9                   MS. GARCIA: So I want to preface this by  
10 saying anybody who needs a meeting space, Little  
11 Village Community Council, come to my place. We  
12 could help you and accommodate to plan to get  
13 this -- you know, work on this to get this done.  
14 Sorry.

15                   What's up, Anthony? So, yeah, I'm  
16 that dia. You know, so I always say some wild  
17 {\_\_\_}, so sorry, not sorry.

18                   Trust the police. Anthony Alvarez,  
19 that's why we can't trust them. Adam Toledo,  
20 that's why we can't trust them. Timothy Glaze, a  
21 50 year old -- 58-year-old man that was shot 20  
22 times with four different types of cancer.  
23 That's why we can't trust them.

24                   300 elderly residents that will not

1 call the police because that happened at their  
2 place and still no justice, and they have not  
3 been arrested.

4 You literally exist because they can  
5 be trusted. What the {\_\_\_}.

6 On Sawyer. On Sawyer, they proved  
7 who they protect. They faced us, and they  
8 protected them. Okay.

9 I wake up now to go to work, when I  
10 want to provide peace and love to my community,  
11 packing a gas -- gas mask, another change of  
12 clothes, because if I get tear-gassed, I got to  
13 change. I'm ready to get naked in the middle of  
14 the street so that {\_\_\_} doesn't {\_\_\_} happen to  
15 me.

16 And now, now that Renee Nicole Good  
17 was killed, I have to literally talk to my kids  
18 about what would happen if that happens to me.

19 Who is going to get justice for us?

20 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

21 Our last three speakers will be  
22 Cruz Velazquez, Erin Vogel, and Veronica Areola.  
23 Erin Vogel. Erin Vogel. Maybe not. What's your  
24 last name? Come on.

1 MS. VELAZQUEZ: Yeah, so first of all, I want  
2 you guys to know I'm kind of -- I was on the  
3 front lines of a lot of stuff that's happening,  
4 specifically in Little Village. I know a lot of  
5 the rhetoric is going around talking about  
6 Gestapo, Nazi. I understand the intended effect.  
7 I think something better -- a different lens to  
8 look through it is we are similar to what people  
9 in Jim Crow Alabama had to face and all these  
10 southern states. Right? You have a police force  
11 that is acting within what they believe is  
12 correct. Right?

13 And so here in Little Village over  
14 the last couple of months, I went out to  
15 de-escalate the aggressive and confrontational  
16 political theater canvassing the neighborhood.  
17 The statement that Chicago is a sanctuary city  
18 protecting all of its residents is becoming  
19 harder to reconcile with what I've seen over the  
20 past few months.

21 I've been able to speak with CPD  
22 officers at the scene where I was at, as well as  
23 other officers within the network, and it is --  
24 who weren't on the scene, third-parties that are

1 part of this network, and it is clear that even  
2 within CPD, the conversation around CPD's lack of  
3 responsibility and accountability around ICE  
4 activity is necessary.

5 Chicagoans more than ever have  
6 leaned on the faithfulness that their neighbors  
7 will love on them, and asking Chicagoans to lean  
8 on CPD to be true to the Safe City Ordinance is  
9 asking a community to put faith in people who  
10 have been proven to be unfaithful.

11 This day of the Discount Mall, a  
12 pattern was evident. ICE wanted chaos. ICE  
13 wanted to stay as long as possible.

14 I saw an officer there, and I said,  
15 Hey, you need to get backup here quickly if you  
16 don't want this to escalate. We see this  
17 pattern. They are finding excuses to stay. He  
18 dismissed me.

19 Later on that a -- a couple, about  
20 30 minutes later, tear gas was administered.  
21 Right? Everyone has talked about that. And so  
22 now after the whole chaos has happened, you see  
23 CPD come in, and they kind of help and aid in a  
24 speedy exit.

1           This is a similar pattern that we  
2 saw on Ridgeway and 27th not too long ago.

3           This pattern is conveying to us,  
4 right, that once the terror is over, once ICE is  
5 done with what they're done -- once they feel  
6 overwhelmed by community members, and they  
7 desperately need to flee, CPD will navigate this.  
8 And I know that they negate this pattern and  
9 saying this doesn't make us collaborators, but it  
10 definitely appears at the very least, if I am  
11 giving them the benefit of the doubt, it appears  
12 like a silent partner with -- I'll end with this.

13           I know I talked to the 10th  
14 District commander, and he told me that there are  
15 definitely all these different rules of  
16 engagement, there's definitely all these  
17 different lines that you guys have to abide by.

18           But I will say if this Safe City  
19 Ordinance is going to work, it's got to be a  
20 two-way street. If we're not allowed to call on  
21 them to arrest (NO AUDIO), and they themselves  
22 are not witnesses, residents acting outside of  
23 their constitutional rights, then they have to  
24 take into account that they are getting

1 information from an unreliable source. Thank  
2 you.

3 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

4 MS. VOGEL: Hi. Good evening. My name is  
5 Erin Vogel. I'm a District Councilor from the  
6 9th District. Thanks.

7 First, I just want to thank  
8 everybody here who's been part of rapid response  
9 networks, mutual aid networks. You all are doing  
10 the real heroic work. So thank you for showing  
11 up and for what you have done.

12 Commissioners, we are calling on  
13 you to hold a robust investigation and hearing  
14 that aligns with what was demanded in the letter  
15 that over half of District Councilors signed.  
16 This is the bare minimum of what you can do.

17 A presentation on CPD's special  
18 order on immigration is not sufficient, and you  
19 have a unique opportunity here to lead a  
20 meaningful investigation.

21 I hope that you rise to the  
22 occasion.

23 In my district, a woman was shot  
24 five times, and she has received no justice.

1 I heard from community members who  
2 were doing ICE watches at schools who said they  
3 were taunted by CPD officers.

4 Neighbors who were doing rapid  
5 response work said the CPD vehicles would  
6 purposely slow roll in front of them, and in one  
7 instance, I both heard and have video of a police  
8 vehicle blocking the intersection to thwart the  
9 efforts of rapid responders following ICE.

10 We've seen incidents of -- instances  
11 of CPD forming barriers around masked people  
12 kidnapping our neighbors, terrorizing them with  
13 trauma that will last well beyond these years.

14 We've seen CPD officers escalating  
15 situations and exacerbating tension between  
16 community and feds.

17 This demands investigation with  
18 accountability.

19 I look forward to attending a  
20 well-thought-out and well-planned hearing in  
21 February. It is clear to me that the phrase "We  
22 keep us safe," "We keep us safe," rings true.

23 PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. And you are our  
24 final speaker.

1 MS. AREOLA: I'm closing us all out. Love  
2 you all.

3 I'm Veronica Areola. I'm proud to  
4 serve as a District Councilor up in the far north  
5 side of Chicago, 24th District, Edgewater, Rogers  
6 Park, West Ridge, and I also serve on our rapid  
7 response group in West Ridge.

8 I have grabbed shoes and thrown a  
9 ball cap on because I haven't showered yet  
10 being -- when people have asked us to come out  
11 for our school and protect children, children  
12 going to school, from these monsters and thugs.

13 When I took this position -- when I  
14 earned the vote of the district to run and to  
15 be -- serve in this position -- huh? I'm so like  
16 in my head.

17 When I took this role, when I was  
18 elected to this role, I spent a lot of my first  
19 year talking to cops, to our commander. It was  
20 three commanders ago, other cops, and they're  
21 just like, "Why? Why do people don't respect us?  
22 I'm just walking around down the street and  
23 someone gives me the finger and tells me to {\_\_\_}  
24 off. And I'm like, well, let's see, maybe it

1 took 50 years of grassroots work in the community  
2 to get this position and this Commission created.  
3 50 years of police harming us, killing us, and  
4 wasting millions -- hundreds of millions of our  
5 tax dollars every year because they don't know  
6 how to follow the {\_\_\_} rules, and now you want  
7 us to protect -- to trust you when you are  
8 standing guard for the bullies who are kidnapping  
9 and harming our community, zip tying kids in the  
10 middle of the {\_\_\_} night. You want us to trust  
11 you?

12           You have ruined any chance of -- of  
13 trust. Who should be -- who's the first person  
14 to speak tonight should have been the  
15 superintendent. Should have been Superintendent  
16 Snelling saying that he wants to hold his force  
17 accountable, but he's not here. He needs to  
18 resign and some --

19           PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

20           I want to thank everyone for coming  
21 to this special meeting and for sharing your  
22 voices.

23           Please join us at the Commission's  
24 regular meeting on January 29th at Malcolm X

1 College, 1900 West Jackson Boulevard, at 6:30.

2 To connect with the Commission via  
3 social media, you can find us at Facebook,  
4 Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

5 Thank you, all. And with there  
6 being no further business before the Commission,  
7 this meeting is adjourned.

8 (Proceedings were adjourned at  
9 9:14 p.m.)

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