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**ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN, MAYOR EMANUEL, CHICAGO POLICE
SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON RELEASE DRAFT CONSENT DECREE
ON CHICAGO POLICE REFORM**

*Madigan, Mayor Rahm Emanuel & Chicago Police Supt. Eddie Johnson, Release Draft
Consent Decree for Chicago Police Department after Gathering Feedback from Wide-
Ranging Community Groups & Chicago Police Officers*

*Final Consent Decree to Be Enforced by Federal Judge & Overseen by Independent Monitor
to Achieve Sustainable Police Reform in Chicago*

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson today released a draft consent decree for the Chicago Police Department (CPD) that will require enforceable police reform. The draft consent decree is the result of months of negotiations by Madigan's office, the City of Chicago and CPD, and engagement with Chicago communities, organizations and police officers.

Under the draft consent decree, Madigan is seeking sustainable reforms of CPD's policies, practices, training and accountability mechanisms to address discriminatory policing, improve public safety and build trust between CPD and Chicago's residents. The draft consent decree will ultimately be a court order enforced by a federal judge. The judge will be assisted by an independent monitor, who will continually evaluate CPD's progress to implement reforms required by the consent decree until the City and CPD achieve full and effective compliance.

As part of the process of drafting the consent decree, Madigan engaged members of the community and law enforcement for their feedback and input on police reform. Madigan's office held 14 community roundtables across the city and reviewed feedback from residents through paper and online feedback forms. Madigan's office also held 13 focus groups with CPD officers of all ranks. In conjunction with the release of the draft consent decree, Madigan also released reports that summarize and include all the comments received from Chicago residents and police officers during this engagement process.

“For decades, efforts to reform the Chicago Police Department have failed, resulting in a profound lack of trust between the police and the communities they serve,” Madigan said. “The

consent decree will mandate reforms to ensure constitutional policing and, ultimately, make Chicago safer for residents and police officers.”

“Reform and public safety go hand-in-hand, and today Chicago is taking an important next step, but not our final step, on the road to reform and the journey to a safer, stronger Chicago,” said Mayor Emanuel. “This agreement will help ensure Chicago police officers have the training, resources and support they need to do their difficult jobs and help rebuild the bonds of trust, respect and understanding between officers and the communities they serve.”

“This consent decree represents our future - with an emphasis on 21st century training, stronger community partnerships, enhanced supervisory leadership, as well as emotional support and resources for police officers so they can effectively safeguard and strengthen our city,” said Superintendent Eddie Johnson. “Once finalized, CPD will work aggressively to implement the reforms embedded in the document, which will fundamentally enhance the Department. We look forward to working in the weeks ahead to select the independent monitor who will oversee this agreement.”

The draft consent decree is the result of the lawsuit Madigan filed in August 2017 in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois against the City of Chicago seeking numerous reforms outlined by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in its investigation of CPD. Madigan filed her lawsuit to obtain a consent decree for CPD after DOJ did not pursue a consent decree in Chicago, despite its own recommendation to do so.

The draft consent decree is based on DOJ’s findings that revealed a pattern of civil rights violations, including the unconstitutional use of deadly and excessive force by officers, caused by systemic deficiencies within CPD, that include inadequate training on appropriate tactics, lack of supervision; a failure to adequately investigate officer misconduct and discipline officers; and inadequate wellness and counseling programs to support officers. The draft also took into account recommendations from the Police Accountability Task Force report.

The goals of the consent decree will be to:

- Ensure strong community partnerships and positive community interactions to increase public confidence in CPD and enhance public safety.
- Ensure CPD polices without bias and that members of the public are treated with courtesy and dignity.
- Provide CPD officers with clear policy, training and supervisory direction that promotes equal protection under the law for all individuals.
- Promote the use of crisis intervention techniques in order to reduce the need to use force, facilitate access to the healthcare system and decrease unnecessary criminal justice involvement.
- Require use of de-escalation tactics, including use of trauma-informed communication techniques, to reduce the circumstances in which using force is necessary.
- Ensure accountability when CPD officers use force that is not objectively reasonable, necessary, and proportional under the totality of the circumstances.
- Ensure CPD promotes individuals who are capable of providing effective supervision, guiding officers under their command on lawful, safe and effective policing, and holding officers accountable for misconduct.
- Ensure that CPD lowers the number of officers per supervisor, and ensures that officers have one consistent supervisor.

- Ensure CPD attracts, hires and promotes qualified candidates at all ranks that reflect a broad cross section of the Chicago community.
- Enhance recruit, field, in-service and pre-service promotional training so they are adequate in duration and scope, in accordance with the law, CPD policy, best practices and the consent decree.
- Provide CPD officers with adequate support systems to treat mental health, substance abuse, emotional challenges and other job-related stressors in order to achieve a healthy and effective police force.
- Enhance a robust and well-functioning accountability system that promotes a culture of accountability and holds CPD members to the highest standards of integrity.
- Ensure that all complaints of misconduct are thoroughly and efficiently investigated.
- Empower CPD to engage in critical self-examination, including by collecting data relating to officers' interactions with the public, auditing data for accuracy, analyzing trends and developing support and intervention systems.

The full consent decree can be viewed at Madigan's police reform website, www.chicagopoliceconsentdecree.org. Chicago residents have an opportunity to comment on the consent decree until Aug. 17 through the website, by emailing policereform@atg.state.il.us, or calling 1 (833) 243-1498 and leaving a message with your comments. Comments can also be mailed or faxed to the following address:

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Also today, Madigan issued a request for proposals to begin the process of selecting an independent monitor. The request for proposals can be viewed on the [police reform website](#). Also available on the website are reports on the feedback obtained from Chicago residents and police officers and fact sheet about the draft consent decree.

In drafting the consent decree, Madigan's office was assisted by leading national policing experts, including: Ron Davis, Kathleen O'Toole, Greg Ridgeway, Ellen Scrivner, Jonathan Smith, and Scott Thomson. Davis served from 2013 to 2017 as the director of DOJ's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, which is responsible for advancing community policing nationwide. O'Toole recently served as the Chief of Police for the Seattle Police Department (SPD) where she led the SPD through reform efforts that resulted in the SPD achieving full and effective compliance with a DOJ consent decree in that jurisdiction. Ridgeway is a statistician and Associate Professor of Criminology and Statistics at the University of Pennsylvania whose research involves the development and application of statistical methodologies to answer questions about crime and policing and fairness in the justice system. Scrivner is a Board Certified Police and Public Safety Psychologist who has worked on monitoring teams for the Seattle Police Department, the Cleveland Police Department and the New Orleans Police Department. Smith recently served as the head of DOJ's Special Litigation Section, where he led pattern or practice investigations. Thomson is the Chief of Police for the Camden Police Department and President of the Police Executive Research Forum. Ridgeway, Scrivner and Thomson served as subject-matter experts during DOJ's investigation of CPD.

Handling the case and consent decree for Madigan's office is Assistant Chief Deputy Gary Caplan, Public Interest Division Chief Cara Hendrickson, Civil Rights Bureau Chief Karyn Bass Ehler, and Assistant Attorneys General, Cynthia Flores, Shareese Pryor, Leigh Richie, Stevi Steines, Mikiko Thelwell, Jeff VanDam, Tom Verticchio, and Christopher Wells. They were assisted by Senior Government and Community Liaison Bria Scudder, Senior Community Outreach Liaison Norman Gonsoulin, Cecilia Abundis, Nettie Lasko, Berenice Martinez, Eileen Baumstark-Pratt, Theresa Geary, Joe Horeth, Norma Ramos, Adorn Lewis-Mitchell and Alysia Tate.

Madigan's office was also assisted by Robins Kaplan, a national law firm retained on a pro bono basis that has a long history of community work on behalf of a wide range of clients.