

Public Comment to Defund the Chicago Police Department

Dear Members of the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations,

My name is _____ and I'm a Chicago resident submitting a public comment for your consideration at this week's committee meeting.

I ask that the committee members introduce an ordinance to decrease the funding for the Police Department in the 2021 budget. I'm advocating for 3 ways to do that: 1) suspend paid leave for officers under investigation or pending discharge/termination, 2) withhold pensions of officers involved in the use of excessive force, and 3) require cops to be liable for misconduct settlements.

Increased spending on training is not doing enough to change the actions of and hold CPD officers accountable. I ask that you use your influence on this committee to advocate for these changes and use the leftover funds to support departments investing in and supporting Black communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,