

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the missing person crisis in Chicago is a manifestation of the realities of intersections between race, gender identity, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status and is gender-based violence on a broader scale; and

WHEREAS, according to Dorothy Tucker, investigative journalist with CBS, Black women in Chicago are disproportionately targeted when it comes to crime, specifically leading as victims of assault, battery, criminal sexual assault, human trafficking, and kidnapping; and

WHEREAS, an investigative report from the Invisible Institute and City Bureau raised concerns about the handling of people trying to report missing loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the report also found that there were issues in data-keeping practices; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Black women represented nearly 1 in 4 crime victims in Chicago, despite making up only 16 percent of the City's population; and

WHEREAS, in that same year, of the nearly 1,600 recorded sexual assaults, Black women made up about 40 percent of the victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, as of 2022, Black women accounted for about 35 percent of assaults, 38 percent batteries, and 34 percent of total recorded kidnappings; and

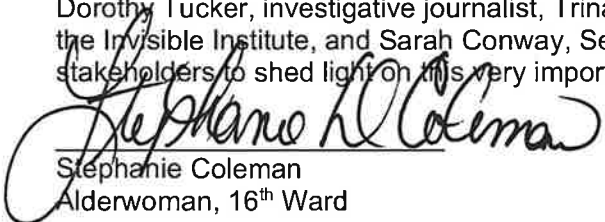
WHEREAS, while using public transportation, Black women accounted for 38 percent of assaults on public buses, bus stops, trains, and stations and more than half of the recorded sexual assault victims in 2022; and

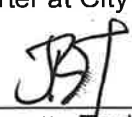
WHEREAS, Black girls and women between the ages of 10 and 20 make up about 30 percent of all missing person cases in the City, according to police data, despite comprising only 2 percent of the City population as of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women convened for the first time on May 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Brandon Johnson is calling for a Task Force on missing women, consisting of members of the Department of Family and Support Services, the Advisory Council on Women, the Gender-Based Violence Task Force, the Chicago Police Department, and other community stakeholders to look into this issue; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council, do hereby call on the Committee on Public Safety to hold a subject matter hearing about the crisis of missing women in the Chicago community, and to invite the Mayor's Task Force on Missing Women, Dorothy Tucker, investigative journalist, Trina Reynolds-Tyler, Director of Beneath the Surface at the Invisible Institute, and Sarah Conway, Senior Reporter at City Bureau, and other experts and stakeholders to shed light on this very important issue.


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