

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EXAMINATION OF THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S HANDLING OF ORDERS OF PROTECTION VIOLATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Domestic Violence Act was enacted to ensure the protection and safety of victims of domestic abuse, neglect, and exploitation by mandating comprehensive reporting and investigation by law enforcement, which includes the Chicago Police Department. The Act requires that every incident involving family or household members be thoroughly documented, including details on the frequency and severity of abuse, and that these reports be recorded as domestic crimes to facilitate appropriate legal action and support services for victims.

WHEREAS, The Illinois Domestic Violence Act mandates that every law enforcement officer investigating an alleged incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation between family or household members shall make a written police report of any bona fide allegation and the disposition of such investigation; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Domestic Violence Act further requires that all police reports completed under this mandate shall be recorded and compiled as a domestic crime within the meaning of Section 5.1 of the Criminal Identification Act; and

WHEREAS, the dubbed "Chicago Response protocol" outlined in the Chicago Police Department's published guidelines on domestic violence states that the Department emphasizes the importance of thorough investigation, timely response, and comprehensive documentation of domestic violence incidents to protect victims and hold offenders accountable; and

WHEREAS, Short Form Notifications are a tool given to the Chicago Police Department to provide immediate relief to those with standing orders of protection by acting as an alternative to the frequently unsuccessful Cook County Sheriff's Office's Service of Process or Summons; and

WHEREAS, Anecdotal evidence from advocates, victims of gender-based domestic violence and those with standing orders of protection suggests that Short Form Notifications are not utilized by the Chicago Police Department and in the rare instance they are used, are not properly documented and filed in the overlapping enforcement jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Recent articles from the Chicago Tribune have highlighted concerns regarding the Chicago Police Department's seriousness and efficiency in responding to domestic and gender-based violence calls, specifically citing cases of inadequate action and delayed responses; and

WHEREAS, A July 7, 2024 article from the Chicago Tribune detailed a case where a mother's plea for help regarding threatening Facebook posts was initially not given the urgent response required, raising questions about the prioritization and seriousness of Chicago Police Department to gender-based domestic violence complaints and more specifically, electronic harassment; and

WHEREAS, Another article dated July 14, 2024, from the Chicago Tribune further reported on concerns about the arrest rate and response to cyberstalking complaints, further indicating potential systemic issues within the Chicago Police Department's handling of such cases; and

WHEREAS, There is much anecdotal evidence from advocates, victims of gender-based domestic violence with standing orders of protection that the Chicago Police Department is not always adhering to the Illinois Domestic Violence Act or its own stated protocol for responding to violations of orders of protection; and

WHEREAS, The effectiveness and timeliness of response to domestic violence incidents, which currently requires the proper filing of police incident reports by constituents to report violations of Orders of Protection, are critical to ensuring the safety and well-being of vulnerable individuals; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council recognizes the urgent need to examine a potential chilling effect on gender-based domestic violence victim reporting originating from the Chicago Police Department's inconsistent response to domestic and gender-based violence incidents in the context of the various overlapping enforcement jurisdictions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of Chicago hereby calls for a subject matter hearing to understand the Chicago Police Department's adherence to the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, especially in its approach to properly filing of police incident reports in cases of orders of protection violations stemming from electronic harassment, as well as to evaluate the Department's intent to and effectiveness in utilizing Short Form Notifications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this hearing will gather testimony from victims of domestic violence, domestic violence victim advocates, law enforcement officers, the Director of Gender-based Violence Strategy and Policy within the Mayor's Office, and other subject matter experts as needed to ensure a comprehensive review and to develop actionable recommendations for improving the City of Chicago's response to domestic and gender-based violence.

Yours In Service,



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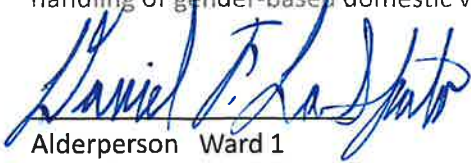
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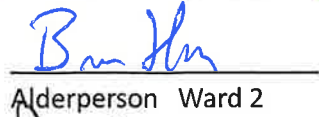


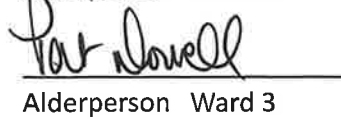
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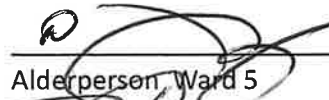
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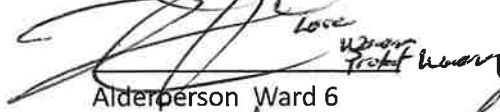
  
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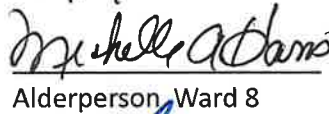
  
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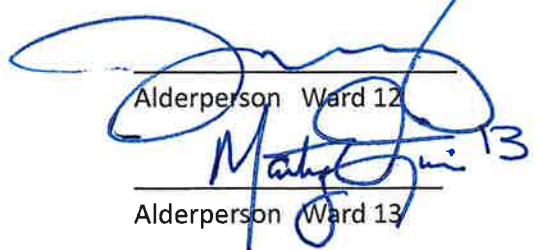
  
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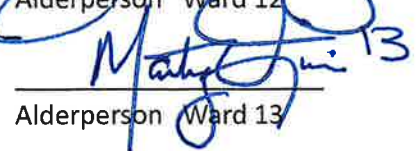
  
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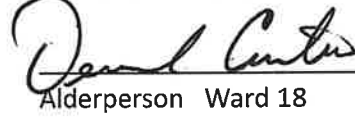
  
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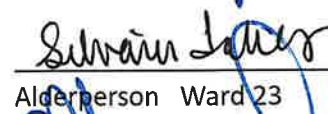
  
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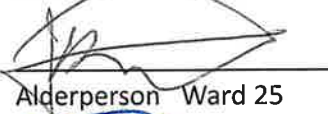
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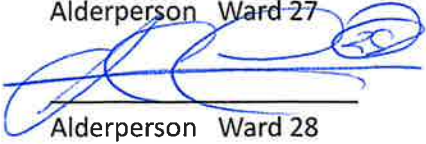
  
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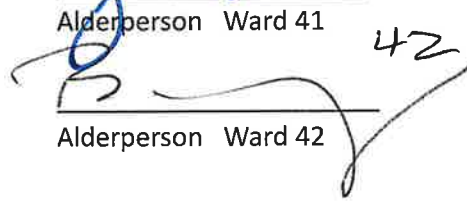


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