

SUBSTITUTE **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, in response to persistent violence against women and vulnerable communities, the City Council of the City of Chicago and the Cook County Board of Commissioners created the City of Chicago-Cook County Violence Against Women (CCVAW) Task Force to reduce violence via collaborative efforts and formulate recommendations to the Mayor of the City of Chicago, the City Council, the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the CCVAW Task Force endeavored to initiate a whole-government approach, incorporate the findings of previous and concurrent task forces relating to women and vulnerable communities, and focus on governmental responsibility to address violence against women; and

WHEREAS, the final independent report of the CCVAW Task Force was presented in July 2026, providing recommendations on identified gaps, including data-sharing, oversight, and policy recommendations for future collaborative actions; and

WHEREAS, the report outlined a comprehensive list of recommendations aimed at enhancing the measures employed to address domestic violence-related issues and to support victims; and

WHEREAS, from the inception of the CCVAW Task Force on January 1, 2026, to its conclusion on July 15, 2026, the City of Chicago's Violence Reduction Dashboard reported a 58% decrease in domestic homicides in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding reported reductions in violent crimes, there have been reported increases in shooting victimizations (12%) and multi-victim shooting victimizations (75%) in domestic cases in Chicago, as of September 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the findings and recommendations of the first phase of the CCVAW Task Force, as set forth in the final report, include the creation of a collaborative public victimization dashboard, the formulation of an Independent Oversight Committee for the court and justice system, and an interagency data center focused on law enforcement's response to high-priority court orders; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the implementation of the report's recommendations, governments must commit to reporting progress to governmental bodies and the public on a regular basis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby expresses its intent to establish, jointly with the Cook County Board of Commissioners and other participating governmental entities, a second phase of the City of Chicago-Cook County Violence Against Women Task Force ("CCVAW Phase 2"). CCVAW Phase 2 shall be constituted upon adoption of a concurrent resolution by the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Additional partners shall be invited to join CCVAW Phase 2, including legislators and agencies of the State of Illinois, as well as municipalities, townships, and government entities throughout Cook County.

SECTION 2. CCVAW Phase 2 shall provide oversight to support implementation of the recommendations contained in the report entitled "Building a Unified Court and Justice System," published in July 2026, and shall identify further collaborative initiatives to address violence against women and vulnerable communities in the City of Chicago and throughout Cook County. CCVAW Phase 2 shall take a whole-government approach and shall strictly focus on the roles and responsibilities of government agencies. CCVAW Phase 2 shall comply with all applicable ethics rules.

SECTION 3. CCVAW Phase 2 shall convene quarterly meetings for appointed officials, elected county stakeholders, departmental commissioners, and their designees. CCVAW Phase 2 shall coordinate collaborative efforts focused on implementing the recommendations contained in the final report of the first phase of the CCVAW. All City of Chicago departments and agencies involved in the public safety, health, court and justice systems shall be requested to provide quarterly reports to the Chicago City Council Committee on Public Safety regarding progress toward implementation and compliance with these recommendations, including comprehensive outlines of the resources necessary to implement such measures.

SECTION 4. All City of Chicago departments and agencies involved in the public safety, health, court and justice systems shall be invited to participate in meetings for cross-departmental and intergovernmental collaboration, analysis of research and evidence-based practices, identification of gaps in data-sharing and budgetary needs, and development of policy recommendations for future collaborative actions.

SECTION 5. CCVAW Phase 2 shall commence on January 1, 2027, and conclude on December 31, 2029. The official report of recommendations and progress shall be updated annually and disseminated to the City Council and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.