

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
TO HOLD HEARINGS ON POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY**

**WHEREAS**, Research routinely shows that consistent and swift enforcement is a much more effective deterrent to illegal activity than harsh punishments for such activity; and

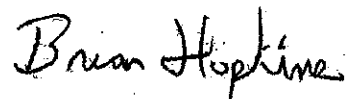
**WHEREAS**, The Chicago Police Department (CPD) has been understaffed and overworked, leading to significant officer burnout and early retirements, exacerbating the problem that officers cannot always be in every neighborhood to enforce the law and to protect Chicago residents from violent crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Every day, technologies and equipment are being created and improved that could assist and amplify CPD's law enforcement capabilities and could be adopted to improve the City's public safety initiatives more generally; and

**WHEREAS**, While the City uses technology like red light cameras, POD cameras, and body worn cameras to improve policing, law enforcement, and accountability, CPD must evaluate the current uses of technology, as well as potential for additional uses of technology to further sustain and improve constitutional policing and community trust, while at the same time working to most effectively use all of the Department's resources to prevent the conditions that lead to officer burnout and early retirements; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago do hereby call upon the Committee on Public Safety to hold a subject matter hearing on the Chicago Police Department's use of technology, including: (i) CPD's current body worn camera (BWC) technology and any new technological advancements in BWCs; (ii) CPD's authorization and experience using drones to assist with law enforcement; (iii) noise camera technology that gathers could assist in the enforcement of various vehicular noise violations; (iv) technology that could improve the real-time communication between CPD and the Office of Emergency Management and Communication; and (v) any other potential technology that could improve public safety enforcement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Chair of the Committee on Public Safety should invite the following people to testify at such hearing: representatives from OEMC; representatives from CPD; experts on policing technology, including the vendor or manufacturer of the body worn cameras currently worn by Police Department personnel; experts on sound camera technology and drone technology; and any other subject matter experts the Chair deems necessary for an effective discussion of public safety technology.



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