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2 THE COURT: Okay. Good afternoon, everyone. And
3 welcome. Thank you for joining us again for our public hearing
4 to monitor and direct and confirm that we're making progress on
5 the Consent Decree.

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6 I want to make a couple of preliminary comments.
7 First of course, a reminder that this proceeding is being
8 transcribed by my court reporter. There is -- it's not
9 permissible for anybody else to be transcribing or certainly
10 broadcasting this beyond the computer you're looking at
11 yourself right now. Other than that, there's no broadcasting
12 from our Court.

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13 I want to thank all of you for your attention and I
14 know that this is a particularly trying time for the City and
15 particularly for our police department. I know that we're all
16 on the same page with respect to care and commitment to safety
17 and security of the city and to recognizing that it's a
18 beautiful place to be and not a place to -- not a place for
19 attack of any kind. So I'm happy that you've made time, and
20 recognizing that there are many, many other burdens and demands
21 on your time right now, it makes it all the more important to
22 me that you're here.

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23 So I want to thank you for that and begin with our
24 agenda this afternoon. And I think we'll hear first from the
25 monitor.

1 MS. HICKEY: Thank you very much, Your Honor, and
2 thank you for providing this opportunity for community members
3 to be heard. I also want to thank the parties and the
4 community members for their ongoing attention to the Consent
5 Decree and the safety and well being of Chicago.

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6 For anyone who's unable to sign up to speak today, I
7 want to provide a quick reminder that the Court is still
8 accepting written comments through 4:30 p.m. this Friday,
9 September the 12th. There are instructions on how to submit
10 comments in the Court's order setting this hearing as well as
11 the IMT's website at CPDMonitoringTeam.com.

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12 In addition to these public hearings, the Independent
13 Monitoring Team continues to seek out and hear from Chicago's
14 communities. And if there is anyone or your organization that
15 would like to connect with the Independent Monitoring Team,
16 we're happy to meet with you. Our website contains information
17 on how community members may contact the Independent Monitoring
18 Team also with feedback or questions. You can e-mail us
19 directly at contact at CPDMonitoringTeam.com.

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20 In fact, we have recently received an outpouring of
21 community feedback regarding the City of Chicago, the Police
22 Department, and the Office of the Attorney General's ongoing
23 efforts to consider whether and how to incorporate additional
24 traffic stop policies, trainings, and practices into the
25 Consent Decree. We greatly appreciate this feedback and we

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1 continue to welcome all community input.

2 As a quick update, during next month's public hearing,
3 you will hear from the parties on a few topics, including
4 updates on CPD's Workforce Allocation study. While we
01:06:26 5 originally were scheduled to also discuss CIT, the Crisis
6 Intervention Team plan and accountability updates from the
7 Bureau of Internal Affairs, known as BIA, those topics will be
8 moved to a later public hearing.

9 We maintain the IMT, the updated schedules on our
01:06:44 10 website, again, which is CPDMonitoringTeam.com.

11 Lastly, as safety in Chicago periodically draws
12 national attention, I would just like to dedicate -- I would
13 like to thank the dedicated state and local public servants,
14 the CPD officers, and the community members who have and will
01:07:03 15 continue to dedicate themselves to safeguarding the rights and
16 safety of all people in Chicago.

17 I greatly look forward to hearing from the members of
18 our community today. And, again, thank you, Your Honor, for
19 hosting us today.

01:07:15 20 THE COURT: Thank you. Happy to have everyone here
21 and I'm happy to be part of this.

22 I think we are scheduled next to hear from people of
23 the City of Chicago, Mr. Slagel and Ms. Clark Henson. So
24 whenever you'd like to begin, you're welcome to make your
01:07:30 25 remarks.

1 MR. SLAGEL: Allyson, I'll turn it over to you.

2 MS. CLARK HENSON: Great. Thank you for the
3 opportunity.

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4 Just wanted to provide an update on some of the
5 feedback and engagement opportunities. Some of the notable
6 opportunities that are up are some of our policies posted for
7 public feedback. As you can see, there's a number of policies,
8 including our hate crimes and hate incidents, our prohibitions
9 regarding racial profiling and other bias based policing,
10 protection of human rights policies, as well as our
11 deescalation, response to resistance, and use of force.

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12 These are all currently open for public comments. As
13 you can see, on the right, there is the link, as well as the QR
14 code that you can scan. We encourage anyone to do so and
15 provide your feedback. We greatly appreciate you taking the
16 opportunity to do that with us.

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17 We also would like to make sure everyone was aware
18 that on our use of force website, we have some engagements,
19 some information sessions. Again, you can see the link there
20 as well as the QR code that is located to the right. And it's
21 really Q-and-A informational sessions that are being held at
22 three of the City Colleges on September 9th. It is called the
23 Daley College. On September 10, it will be at Malcolm X and
24 September 25th, we are at Truman. Those are all two-hour
25 sessions from 6 to 8 with the doors opening at 5:30. And,

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1 again, we encourage participation and attendance with us.

2 And lastly I did want to also mention, I'm sure many
3 remember, we did do our community training observation days
4 which provided opportunities for community members to come and
01:09:12 5 participate in segments of the trainings that our officers are
6 also attending.

7 One of the things I'll note is I know in the spring,
8 we did a full day session. You're certainly welcome to sign up
9 to do a full day session. However, if time permitting and you
01:09:27 10 can't commit to the entire day, please, we are also offering
11 half days, so you can come from the 8 to 12 session or the 1 to
12 5, or time permitting, we encourage you to attend the entire
13 day.

14 Our training topics include deescalation, response to
01:09:41 15 resistance, use of force, vehicle stops. We also have our
16 constitutional policing foundations, paired with an immersive
17 VR scenario based training and we also are offering our crisis
18 intervention training just focused on deescalation and crisis
19 response.

01:09:58 20 Again, if you scan the QR code, you'll be asked a few
21 questions that allows you to select the date that you wish to
22 attend, the time sessions, whether it's half a day, morning,
23 afternoon, or a full day. And you also have the opportunity to
24 select which of those training topics you are interested in
01:10:14 25 participating in.

1 Thank you.

2 THE COURT: Great. Thank you. Anything further from
3 the City?

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4 MR. SLAGEL: No, not at this time, Your Honor. Thank
5 you.

6 THE COURT: All right. Then I think we're ready to
7 move on to hearing from the Office of the Attorney General. I
8 understand Ms. Grieb will be making a statement.

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9 MS. GRIEB: Yes. Good afternoon, Your Honor. And
10 good afternoon, members of the Monitoring Team and the
11 community and the Coalition and the police department and
12 counsel for the City. My name is Mary Grieb and I represent
13 the Attorney General's Office. Thank you for the opportunity
14 to speak today and for providing a forum for Chicagoans to
15 share their daily experiences with the Chicago Police
16 Department's progress towards implementing the reforms required
17 by the Consent Decree.

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18 We have a team of attorneys listening into the court
19 hearing who all want to hear these experiences and these
20 perspectives. We also understand that many members of the
21 department are listening in and the superintendent himself is
22 here and we appreciate their participation as well.

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23 As with all community input, we urge the department to
24 listen to and incorporate this feedback as it continues to work
25 on policies, training, and most importantly, implementation of

1 the reforms required by the Consent Decree.

2 Because today is about hearing from community members,
3 I'll keep my remarks brief. But I did want to provide two
4 brief updates to the Court and the public. First, as the
01:11:42 5 independent monitor also noted, our office has recently
6 received outreach from dozens of Chicagoans about reforms they
7 want to see to the police department's traffic stop practices.
8 We continue to meet with the City and with CPD to negotiate a
9 potential stipulation, incorporating reforms to its traffic
01:12:02 10 stop practices, and we hope to provide an update to the Court
11 and public on those negotiations at a later date.

12 Second, we anticipate that the monitor will file her
13 report later this year on the City and CPD's progress in the
14 first six months of 2025. We expect that report to address
01:12:21 15 certain challenges the department continues to work on, such as
16 implementing requirements of unity of command and span of
17 control, which in other words, in simpler words, is a regular
18 staffing system in which officers report to the same
19 supervisors consistently, and the department's work towards
01:12:39 20 addressing challenges in staffing in the Crisis Intervention
21 Unit.

22 And we also expect to hear about the progress made in
23 the first six months of this year, such as continued
24 development of policies and trainings regarding interactions
01:12:54 25 with individuals with disabilities.

1 So on behalf of our entire team at the office, we
2 thank the speakers today for their time and their commitment to
3 seeing change happen on the ground. Our office is committed to
4 taking in this feedback as we work to ensure the Consent
01:13:11 5 Decree's requirements are implemented in a sustainable way that
6 will ensure constitutional policing in Chicago. Thank you,
7 Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Grieb. I appreciate your
9 continued efforts and work on this project and the dedication
01:13:27 10 that you've shown and your openness to the public and their
11 concerns as well.

12 All right. Well, we're ahead of ourselves on the
13 schedule, but I believe that we will be hearing from the
14 Coalition this afternoon. And I don't know if those speakers
01:13:43 15 are ready for us, but I believe it's Wally Bertram Hilke and
16 Jessica Gingold who are scheduled to be heard. So if either of
17 you would like to begin, you're welcome to do so.

18 MR. HILKE: Thank you, Your Honor. And I want to
19 acknowledge the City, the Monitoring Team, the Office of the
01:14:00 20 Attorney General, and especially all of the community members
21 who took time out of their day today to come and share their
22 experiences at this hearing.

23 My name is Wally Hilke. I am a clinical law professor
24 and the interim director of the Community Justice and Civil
01:14:15 25 Rights Clinic at Northwestern Law School. I am one of the

1 attorneys who represents organizations among the Campbell
2 plaintiffs. They are members of the Consent Decree Coalition.

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3 Some of our clients, members of that Coalition, joined
4 the fight for police accountability because Chicago police
5 officers shot and killed their loved ones, police officers who
6 failed to respect the sanctity of life.

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7 Other plaintiffs in our Coalition have firsthand
8 experience with racial profiling and police violence. From the
9 very beginning of their long involvement in the Coalition, our
10 clients have demanded that CPD officers resolve incidents
11 without force whenever possible.

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12 In January 2019, our clients won the right to seek
13 enforcement for the Consent Decree that this Court oversees.
14 That Consent Decree should have reduced the use of force by the
15 Chicago Police Department. But seven years later, our clients
16 are still waiting for results, and Chicagoans are suffering
17 because the department has not taken sufficient action.

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18 Uses of force by the Chicago Police Department have
19 increased more than 77 percent from 3,652 to 6,470 uses of
20 force in just two years. This is the highest use of force by
21 the Chicago Police Department since 2015.

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22 In the last two years, CPD's use of force against
23 young children, children ages 15 and younger, has doubled.
24 CPD's use of chokeholds has grown 550 percent in the past two
25 years.

1 This dramatic rise in police violence requires an
2 urgent response. But there has been none. Instead, the
3 Chicago Police Department has offered speculation. Maybe
4 officers are just reporting force more often. Maybe this
01:16:25 5 increase in force, a two-year, 77 percent increase representing
6 thousands of additional uses of force, is just proof that the
7 Chicago Police Department's training is working.

8 But Chicagoans deserve better than maybes. The
9 Chicago Police Department must reverse the dramatic increases
01:16:48 10 in use of force that we are seeing.

11 Another way this has manifested is in much higher
12 rates of gun-pointing at residents. Gun-pointing increased
13 43.9 percent from 2,925 to 4,209 gun-pointing incidents from
14 2022 to 2024.

01:17:13 15 Gun-pointing is at least as serious as other uses of
16 force that require tactical response reports, such as takedowns
17 or arm bars. But currently the Chicago Police Department does
18 not require such reports to be completed. Officers should be
19 required to complete tactical response reports and provide full
01:17:37 20 justification when they point their guns at Chicago residents.

21 On a separate note, I would be remiss not to mention
22 that Chicago is undergoing increasing immigration enforcement
23 and federal intervention. At the last hearing, Fred Tsao from
24 the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
01:18:00 25 presented concerns about how the Chicago Police Department had

1 reacted to recent immigration enforcement actions.

2 Relevant to this from the Consent Decree perspective,
3 the Coalition negotiated a First Amendment policy that the
4 Chicago Police Department is required to follow. The coming
01:18:19 5 weeks and months may test whether the Chicago Police Department
6 complies with its First Amendment policy.

7 The Coalition will be watching closely to ensure that
8 the Chicago Police Department respects the rights of all
9 Chicagoans in the face of federal interventions.

01:18:35 10 In summary, the Coalition expects that the CPD will
11 take immediate action to reduce its use of force.

12 And I will now turn it over to my co-counsel Jessica
13 Gingold.

14 MS. GINGOLD: Thank you, Wally. And good afternoon.
01:18:55 15 My name is Jessica Gingold. I'm an attorney for Equip For
16 Equality, one of the attorneys representing the Communities
17 United plaintiffs and the community Coalition.

18 These public hearings are an opportunity for the Court
19 and parties to hear directly from those in our community who
01:19:10 20 are experiencing placing on the ground in Chicago and who are
21 advocating for change.

22 These hearings are a time for all of us to pause and
23 listen to what the community members are saying or we should
24 focus on.

01:19:23 25 One such concern that our clients, the Coalition,

1 representing a dozen community organizations across Chicago,
2 have repeatedly voiced, that CPD's response to individuals in
3 crisis and the City's failure to invest and coordinate in true
4 alternatives to a police response, and we're deeply
5 disappointed to hear that this topic was removed from next
6 week's -- next month's hearing, and was part of why we wanted
7 to speak on it today, noting that there was going to be a
8 presentation on this next month.

9 In past hearings and IMT reports, we have heard praise
10 for the City's CARE program, the Crisis Assistance Response and
11 Engagement program, an alternative response program under the
12 Chicago Department of Public Health to respond to people in
13 crisis without the use of police. I know Your Honor has
14 mentioned being happy that that program exists. And while CARE
15 itself is not part of the CPD or the Consent Decree, the
16 Consent Decree does require diversion away from legal systems,
17 utilizing community resources and avoiding force.

18 And the City will not achieve these intended outcomes
19 of the crisis response section of the Consent Decree without a
20 robust alternative response system that is adequately funded
21 and adequately coordinated.

22 Yet in July, MindSite News released an article stating
23 that the CARE program is at a tipping point. The number of
24 calls CARE has responded to has always been too low, and it
25 further plummeted in 2024. Of the 96,000 calls that 911

1 dispatchers categorize as mental health related last year, CARE
2 responded to fewer than 1 percent.

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3 911 dispatchers are not dispatching CARE. CARE has
4 limited hours and coverage and the result is people in crisis
5 are getting a police response, rather than an alternative
6 response, the vast majority of time.

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7 And now CARE is facing a fiscal cliff in 2026.
8 Notably, Chicago also has many state funded, locally controlled
9 mobile crisis response units that are also not adequately
10 incorporated into CPD crisis response policies and practices to
11 ensure that when a nonpolice response is possible, it is
12 actually made available.

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13 With CARE at a tipping point, attention to the crisis
14 intervention section of the Consent Decree is needed now more
15 than ever. Yet even though there is an entire section focused
16 on crisis response, it has largely laid dormant.

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17 The objectives of the CIT program stated in Paragraphs
18 85 and 88 of the crisis intervention program are in summary to
19 treat individuals in crisis with dignity and respect, to
20 deescalate and reduce the use of force, to improve the safety
21 of everyone involved in such encounters, to promote community
22 oriented solutions, and perhaps most importantly, to decrease
23 unnecessary criminal justice involvement for those in crisis.

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24 And here we are six years, almost seven, into the
25 Consent Decree and there's only one paragraph in the crisis

1 response section in full compliance, the paragraph about
2 training the CIT coordinator.

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3 The paragraphs requiring data analysis and reporting
4 on the outcomes of crisis response are not in compliance. Ten
5 paragraphs related to the crisis officer intervention plan have
6 yet to even be monitored because the police department hasn't
7 defined what a timely response would be. The program still
8 remains largely understaffed, despite some limited
9 improvements. Required tracking of crisis response is not
10 happening. In short, we have no information from CPD about
11 whether the outcomes required in the Consent Decree are being
12 achieved.

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13 And the community feels this lack of investment. Even
14 without the CPD reporting any outcome data on crisis, recent
15 news stories, the Coalition's own FOIAs, and firsthand accounts
16 of impacted people show that the CPD's current Crisis
17 Intervention Team program is not working.

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18 For example, earlier this summer, we were contacted
19 about a young man in crisis who was experiencing suicidal
20 ideation. His mom called for help, but instead, the SWAT team
21 arrived. They pointed guns at him and arrested him. He was
22 taken to the hospital and spent a month in jail. Yet when we
23 FOIAed the reports related to this incident, including a Crisis
24 Intervention Team report that is required by the Consent
25 Decree, CPD responded that there were no responsive CIT

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1 reports.

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2 In another call involving a behavioral health crisis,
3 the responding 45-year-old officer kicked an unarmed
4 12-year-old black girl to get her to comply with verbal
5 command. This is the opposite of the deescalation required
6 under the Consent Decree and CPD policy. Yet despite the
7 lieutenant noting the action was outside of CPD policy, no
8 action was recommended for the officer.

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9 These incidents like many others demonstrate that the
10 City is propping up the CIT program but limiting it to only
11 training, with no meaningful effort to implement the true work
12 of a crisis program as required by the Consent Decree.

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13 The main successes that IMT has identified in the CIT
14 program relate to the completion of written policies and
15 completing training for CIT officers, yet the policies don't
16 facilitate the diversionary purpose of the program. And
17 training is not enough if the program does not have the desired
18 outcomes.

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19 For example, another MindSite News article that just
20 came out on Friday that showed 169 CIT trained officers used
21 force in 2024. And the Coalition FOIAed use of force reports
22 involving individuals with a listed condition as disability or
23 mental emotional disorder, the terms that the policy is
24 attracting news, and found that in 2024, there were 764 uses of
25 force on such individuals over 18 years old, and the vast

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1 majority were unarmed. And 72 percent of those reported as
2 having a mental emotional disorder or disability who
3 experienced the use of force were black.

4 CPD's own use of force reports also show that use of
01:25:51 5 force against those observed with mental illness or emotional
6 disorders is rising, the exact opposite of the goals of the
7 Consent Decree, and in line with the jarring statistics that
8 Wally Hilke shared.

9 Troublingly, officers are also increasingly relying on
01:26:10 10 forced hospitalization. For people like families I described
11 earlier, this is often the opposite of help. And it's not the
12 connection to community care and solutions that the Consent
13 Decree requires.

14 In another piece of recent investigative journalism
01:26:25 15 reported in MindSite between 2023 and 2024, the number of
16 police initiated hospitalizations increased from 1,764 to
17 2,319, an increase of more than 30 percent, and their data
18 showed significant racial disparities yet again.

19 White people are less likely to be subjected to a
01:26:45 20 forced hospitalization while black people are more likely.
21 Black people make up 30 percent of the City's population but
22 70 percent of involuntary hospitalizations. Black women make
23 up 16 percent of the population and a third of the forced
24 hospitalization. And in contrast, while white people comprise
01:27:03 25 32 percent of the city's population, they make up just

1 16 percent of the forced hospitalization.

2 Research has shown that forced hospitalization for
3 many results in worse outcomes, again, the opposite of what
4 we're looking for in the crisis response section. In one
01:27:20 5 study, the researchers found that hospitalizing individuals
6 nearly doubled their risk of dying by suicide or overdose and
7 nearly doubled their chance of being charged with a violent
8 crime in three months after their evaluation, compared to those
9 that were not hospitalized. Forced hospitalization is not the
01:27:38 10 alternative to arrest that the Consent Decree envisioned.

11 Chicago is failing to meet the goals of the crisis
12 intervention section. The CPD needs to define what a timely
13 response is and develop the long awaited CIT officer
14 implementation plan.

01:27:54 15 The CPD needs to release publicly the outcomes of the
16 CIT program as required in the Consent Decree and as has been
17 required on an annual basis for every year since the Consent
18 Decree was initiated.

19 And most importantly, Chicagoans need to see real
01:28:11 20 investment in the crisis response program, not just in the
21 police, but in alternatives to police and in coordination among
22 City and community based crisis response efforts to ensure that
23 those in crisis are met with care and services, not force,
24 handcuffs, hospitalization, and jail. Thank you very much for
01:28:32 25 your time.

1 THE COURT: Ms. Gingold, thank you. And I want to
2 thank Mr. Hilke as well. The comments have been very
3 meaningful and concerning to me. And I do intend for us to
4 follow up on these issues, particularly the statistical
01:28:52 5 evidence that suggests we just have a long way to go. Thank
6 you.

7 I believe our -- the next item on our agenda is to
8 hear from community speakers themselves. And although we're a
9 little bit ahead of time on that as well, if we have people
01:29:08 10 ready, I'd be happy to hear from them.

11 I know that, for example, the first person listed here
12 on our agenda for today is Mr. Poole. And I don't know if he's
13 available.

14 MS. HICKEY: I believe he is available, Your Honor.

01:29:22 15 THE COURT: Great. Then we'll be happy to hear from
16 him right now.

17 JIM POOLE: Good afternoon, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

19 JIM POOLE: My name is Jim Poole. I'm a licensed
01:29:30 20 social worker and a senior director of policy at NAMI Chicago.
21 Since 1979, NAMI Chicago has supported people with mental
22 health conditions and their families, and we are an affiliate
23 of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, America's largest
24 grassroots mental health organization.

01:29:44 25 In our work every day, we see the promise of recovery,

1 but also how many people and families are left without access
2 to the health care and support they need. In Chicago, we see
3 people with serious mental illness repeatedly caught in a cycle
4 of crisis, where our systems fail to connect them with ongoing
01:30:02 5 community based care, and instead subject them to repeated
6 crisis response, usually by police.

7 Since 2004, we have partnered with the Chicago Police
8 Department on Crisis Intervention Team or CIT training. For
9 us, this partnership has always been about reducing the risk of
01:30:18 10 harm. We believe that people in crisis deserve help, not
11 handcuffs, and that police should not be the sole responders to
12 people experiencing a mental health emergency.

13 While police should not be the sole responders for
14 many crises, it is critical that law enforcement has the tools
01:30:32 15 and training to reduce the use of force when they do respond.
16 The Consent Decree rightly emphasizes the CIT program, staffing
17 of the Crisis Intervention Unit is moving in the right
18 direction. And the CIU has been a strong partner to us in the
19 training committed to improving the curriculum and supporting
01:30:49 20 both officers and the community. We appreciate how they listen
21 to our feedback and respond to improve the program.

22 Staffing must be a continued area of focus, because
23 without personnel, CPD will not be able to properly implement
24 the CIT program.

01:31:02 25 While CIT certainly has value, it is fundamentally a

1 harm reduction strategy. For it to be effective, training must
2 be continually improved and CPD must collect and share more
3 transparent data on use of force in crisis situations and how
4 people are or are not being connected to CARE. Without that
5 data, it is hard to know to what extent CIT is reducing the use
6 of force or connecting people to needed services and scale.

7 But even with the best training and data collection,
8 police cannot achieve the full goals of the Consent Decree
9 alone. There must be strong connections between CPD, OEMC, and
10 the behavioral health system throughout Chicago.

11 Since 2019, the United States has made historic
12 investments in crisis response, including the launch of 988,
13 the new suicide and crisis line. Before these investments,
14 fewer than one in four Illinois calls to the lifeline were
15 answered in state. Today, nearly 90 percent are answered here.

16 Illinois and communities across the state, including
17 Chicago, have also expanded mobile crisis teams to meet people
18 where they are. We are proud to be part of this effort by
19 operating one of the state's 988 call centers serving Cook
20 County.

21 Despite these investments, Chicago has not
22 meaningfully scaled behavioral health response to 911 calls.
23 CARE teams have been the city's primary behavioral health
24 response program. CARE was first implemented as a co-responder
25 model that included police but was transitioned away from last

1 last year. In 2024, according to public reporting, CARE teams
2 responded to just 276 calls, down significantly from 2023.
3 While that same year, 911 handled about 96,000 calls with a
4 mental health component and CPD completed nearly 7,800
5 transports for evaluation.

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6 Even with projected growth in 2025, CARE responses
7 remain a tiny fraction of the overall need, leaving police as
8 the primary and often sole responders to the behavioral health
9 crisis in Chicago.

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10 While the City may have removed CPD from the CARE
11 teams in effort to reduce the involvement of police in crisis
12 response, that change seems to be stifling efforts to provide a
13 behavioral health response to individuals in crisis, especially
14 because CARE is mainly dispatched to only the lower risk 911
15 calls and largely not involved in response situations with
16 moderate or high risk.

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17 In addition to CARE teams, Chicago is served by mobile
18 crisis response teams funded by Illinois Department of Human
19 Services and operated by community behavioral health providers.
20 These teams are dispatched via 988 or directly by calling the
21 provider and operate in most of Chicago's community areas.

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22 The City and CPD must lead in ensuring that all
23 available resources, whether funded by the city, state, or
24 county, are connected and can be dispatched to support people
25 in crisis. Further, they must work diligently to ensure that

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1 behavioral health response teams are fully utilized and
2 involved to the greatest extent possible in responding to 911
3 callers experiencing a crisis.

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4 To accomplish this 911 and 988 cannot remain siloed.
5 Across the country, cities big and small are demonstrating that
6 interoperability between 988 and 911 is not only possible, it's
7 effective.

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8 We ask the Court to ensure that the crisis
9 intervention provisions of the Consent Decree are fully
10 implemented and that the City's long awaited crisis
11 intervention plan include concrete steps to interoperate with
12 988 and utilize all of our behavioral health response teams as
13 a core element of reducing the risk of use of force and
14 connecting the community to resources.

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15 The CIT program alone is not enough. Chicago must
16 reimagine crisis response and provide everyone with someone to
17 call, someone to respond, and somewhere to go when there's an
18 emergency. Thank you.

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19 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Poole.

20 MS. HICKEY: Your Honor, I believe Number 4, Jen
21 McGowan Tomke is available. Speakers 2 and 3 have not arrived
22 in the queue yet and we can go back to them.

23 THE COURT: Great. We'll hear from Ms. McGowan Tomke
24 then. Thank you.

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25 MR. SEPULVEDA: I apologize. Actually Speaker 3 has

1 just arrived.

2 THE COURT: Oh. Let's drop back then to Ben Prudek.
3 Is that right?

4 MS. HICKEY: Correct, Your Honor.

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5 MR. SEPULVEDA: Sorry, we're not getting a response
6 yet. We can try to move to Speaker 4.

7 MS. HICKEY: Okay. Thank you.

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8 THE COURT: That's fine. I think we've reverted to
9 the idea of hearing from Jen McGowan Tomke. If you're ready,
10 you're welcome to make a statement.

11 BEN PRUDEK: Apologize for my tardiness. Thank you so
12 much for convening this discussion.

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13 My question is -- and Speaker 1 may have already
14 mentioned this. My question is, in response to the Chicago
15 Sun-Times report on COPA dramatically scaling back
16 recommendations for termination of certain officers and the --
17 COPA's rather opaque explanations for why they are walking back
18 these recommendations, does the Monitoring Team -- I guess I do
19 not know enough to know what the relationship is between the
20 Monitoring Team and COPA.

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21 In any case, if the Monitoring Team has any insight
22 into that or can give any explanation, I would love to hear
23 more, because to me, the -- for COPA to walk back these
24 recommendations after each investigation taking several years
25 to conduct, that is -- that's worrying to me, and yeah, I would

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1 I love to hear any insight that you all have on that.

2 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Prudek.

3 I know that the monitor provides regular reports and I
4 would expect that she will be considering issues relating to
5 this in future reports, and I'm hoping that you'll get some
6 answers to those questions, because I think they're
7 significant.

8 I know that -- I think Ms. Jen McGowan Tomke was also
9 available to speak to us. If you're here, you're welcome to
10 make a statement now.

11 I don't know whether --

12 MS. HICKEY: Your Honor, she was available. Here she
13 is. I see her right now coming in.

14 THE COURT: Okay. Good.

15 JEN MCGOWAN TOMKE: Thank you, Judge. My apologies.
16 Just getting to a place where I can speak.

17 Judge Pallmeyer and members of the Consent Decree
18 Monitoring Team, thank you for the chance to speak today. My
19 name is Jen McGowan Tomke and I'm the VP of policy and health
20 equity at Trilogy, a community based mental health
21 organization.

22 At Trilogy, our mission is to enable people in mental
23 health recovery to build meaningful and independent lives
24 through comprehensive and integrated care. We are a certified
25 community behavioral health clinic, which means we run a

1 specially designated clinic that provides a comprehensive range
2 of mental health and substance use services to anyone who walks
3 through our doors, regardless of diagnosis or insurance status.

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4 We also deploy a mental health mobile crisis response
5 team on Chicago's north side, available 24/7 through a grant
6 through the state of Illinois.

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7 For over 50 years, we worked specifically with clients
8 living with serious mental illness, complex health and
9 cooccurring substance use disorders, homelessness and poverty.
10 We have deep experience supporting recovery oriented and
11 community based approaches to care as well as responding to
12 mental health crisis in the community.

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13 Our mental health mobile crisis team program has
14 responded to 12,168 calls since 2022, including 2,284 in-person
15 mobile crisis mobilizations, primarily coming directly to our
16 crisis line or through the national suicide prevention line,
17 988.

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18 These numbers demonstrate the growing community need
19 and the strength of our response capacity. Our team is made up
20 of licensed clinicians, crisis counselors, and peer engagement
21 specialists who work together to provide 24/7 coverage across
22 the north side of Chicago, Evanston, and Skokie.

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23 By combining clinical expertise with lived experience,
24 the team delivers rapid, compassionate support that helps
25 stabilize individuals in the moment and connect them to ongoing

1 care.

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2 From our experience, there are important ways mobile
3 crisis teams and the Chicago Police Department can work
4 together to deescalate crisis and ensure safety for community
5 members, CPD officers, and our staff in line with the
6 paragraphs in the Consent Decree that relate to the CIT
7 program.

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8 Our collaboration works best when CIT trained officers
9 are dispatched and paired with our team. In some cases, our
10 mobile crisis team is dispatched to a situation where CPD is
11 present and in other cases, we might request CPD respond with
12 us to address safety concerns.

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13 Our officers with CIT training understand deescalation
14 techniques and the role of behavioral health providers, which
15 allows them to create safer spaces for individuals in crisis
16 and for our staff.

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17 We are most successful when communication is open and
18 respectful on the scene. When law enforcement and mobile
19 crisis responders exchange information about safety concerns,
20 mental health history, or imminent risk, we are able to quickly
21 align on next steps and avoid duplication or conflicting
22 approaches. This allows for the safest and most effective
23 intervention for the person needing support.

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24 We partner best when roles are clear and honored. Our
25 team focuses on clinical assessment, engagement, and connecting

1 people to services in the moment and beyond, while CPD ensures
2 physical safety and manages legal or public safety concerns.
3 Recognizing and respecting these distinct roles reduces tension
4 and builds trust with community members.

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5 The last key component is structured followup,
6 including collaboration with specialized CPD units like the CIT
7 district operations and community support team. These touch
8 points help us track outcomes, ensure continuity of care, and
9 learn from each response to strengthen future coordination.

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10 Additionally, we'd like to elevate that work is still
11 needed to ensure that mobile crisis response teams across the
12 city are easily and quickly dispatched for calls that generate
13 from 911. This is a critical part of realizing a strong mental
14 health crisis response system in Chicago.

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15 We appreciate the opportunity to share our perspective
16 on ways to strengthen the collaboration between CPD and mobile
17 crisis teams across the City of Chicago, which support the
18 guiding principles for crisis intervention within the Consent
19 Decree. Thank you.

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20 THE COURT: Thank you, and thank you for the work of
21 the mobile crisis teams and all that you're doing and working
22 on doing in this region of Chicago.

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23 I know that we have other speakers that are scheduled
24 for this afternoon, including Speaker Number 2 was Arewa,
25 whether that person is available, but the next one on the

1 list --

2 MS. HICKEY: Yes, she is.

3 THE COURT: Good. We'll hear from that speaker then.

4 AREWA WINTERS: Good afternoon, Your Honor.

01:43:30 5 So I just heard one of the attorneys for the ACLU give
6 a report, and no disrespect intended, but I heard you say you
7 were concerned about the report she gave, whereas I'm triggered
8 right now, and I'm trying to collect my thoughts what I was
9 even supposed to be talking about today. Because I know how
01:43:59 10 those numbers impact people of color, especially African
11 Americans, probably to the degree that even if you add all the
12 other numbers, our numbers would still be higher.

13 And being that when the Department of Justice came
14 here and they looked at the historic racist construct of our
01:44:21 15 police department, it is what catapulted us to fight for this
16 Consent Decree. And I feel like we are failing because we are
17 still looking at trainings and we're looking at policies and we
18 are not addressing the racial, racist impact of the Chicago
19 Police Department and how it operates in predominantly black
01:44:48 20 and brown communities and how our people are constantly
21 mistreated, violated, oppressed, and everything else that goes
22 along with that.

23 So being one who lives with major depressive episodes
24 and knowing many others, those numbers are very, very upsetting
01:45:10 25 to me. This work is becoming upsetting to me because I feel

1 like we as community members are giving so much and yet -- this
2 is just my personal opinion. We have come so not very far at
3 all. We have come so basic with all the work that is going
4 into trying to make our policing department better.

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5 But one of the things that I wanted to talk about
6 specifically, because I'm also a district councilor for the
7 CCPSA and about the pretextual stops, and there's been
8 conversations, something was brought to my attention that the
9 commissioners at some point may be meeting with the Monitor,

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10 the AG, possibly yourself, Judge Pallmeyer, around the
11 pretextual stops. And my concern is that the Coalition members
12 are not engaged in these conversations. And it was brought to
13 my attention also that it could possibly be because the ACLU
14 has a lawsuit around pretextual stops. But the Coalition is
15 made up of, you know, the ACLU and Communities United but also
16 Campbell, and I don't believe that the 411 Movement for Pierre
17 Lorry has signed on to be a part of the lawsuit. If we have, I
18 would remove the 411 Movement for Pierre Lorry if it would
19 enable us to be engaged in the conversations.

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20 The commissioners are community representatives and as
21 the founder for the 411 Movement for Pierre Lorry, I am also a
22 community representative. And we are the manpower for
23 community members, and there should be no conversations being
24 had with anything around the Consent Decree when we are not
25 present. And I don't mean our attorneys being present. I mean

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1 our community representatives being present.

2 So I don't know if this has happened, I don't know if
3 it's due to happen, I don't know what power my little self has,
4 but if there's any way, you know, I can throw a monkey wrench
01:47:24 5 in this going forward, I would do that, because I just feel
6 like it's doing a disservice to all of us who have fought to be
7 a part of the Consent Decree Coalition, because there's no
8 precedence for this, because CCPSA is new. And so the fact
9 that -- if they're coming into the Consent Decree space, it is
01:47:43 10 new, so I feel like we should be kind of co-creating how this
11 work is going to play out and that's not happening. And I feel
12 like it's rendering us powerless on some level.

13 And so that was really all I wanted to kind of lift up
14 today about, yes, moving forward, if, yeah, however we can
01:48:07 15 clarify what is to happen moving forward and how community
16 members with the Coalition can be engaged and help build that
17 policy out around pretextual stops or any other policy moving
18 forward.

19 Thank you for your time, Your Honor.

01:48:20 20 THE COURT: Well, thank you for your time, and thank
21 you for sharing those concerns with us. I appreciate your
22 making the time to be available this afternoon and
23 participating in the process.

24 MS. HICKEY: Your Honor, I believe Speaker 6 is here
01:48:36 25 but 5 may be available. We're moving a little quicker than

1 probably --

2 THE COURT: Sure. Nat Palmer, if you're ready, we'd
3 be happy to hear from you.

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4 NAT PALMER: Hello. I'm Nat. I use she and they
5 pronouns. I'm here on behalf of the Free2Move Coalition to end
6 pretextual traffic stops. I'm also a member of Black Youth
7 Project 100 and Lucy Parsons Labs.

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8 My public comment is going to be around the need to
9 completely end pretextual traffic stops. The Free2Move
10 Coalition has been around for a few years now, has gathered
11 thousands of stories and thousands of signatures, that's talked
12 to thousands of community members, participated in the CCPSA
13 process, called for public hearings, and written multiple
14 reports demonstrating that pretextual traffic stops do not do
15 anything but more harm to black and brown community members, as
16 well as often provide a cost burden to community members who
17 are already struggling to pay bills.

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18 Otherwise they probably would have their tags updated,
19 they probably would have fixed brake lights. And instead of
20 helping community members get things right with their cars,
21 cops pull us over, cops try to initiate searches based on
22 absolutely nothing, and of course, you know, if I see a person
23 with a gun asking me to search my car, I'm going to say yes. I
24 think that's just like a logical conclusion.

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25 We also know that pretextual traffic stops in the last

1 few years have gone down. At the same time, we are seeing
2 reports of violent crime going down, of all of these other
3 forms of crime going down, while it would be our also uplifting
4 alternative responses to crime.

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5 I think with all of this in mind, we also need to take
6 into account what my personal district council member just
7 said, Arewa Winters, that these institutions were fought for
8 and created by community members, yet every time we establish
9 them, the institution start to be like, oh, but the cops are
10 good when we created them because they are hurting and
11 traumatizing our people, yet the people who get on these things
12 start ignoring our calls.

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13 We know that the decrease in pretextual traffic stops
14 has not initiated any more dangerous driving abilities or like
15 crimes in our neighborhoods. And we also know that cops still
16 use very little things, like a broken taillight, like an
17 expired tag, to pull over, harass, put into the system, and
18 often put in handcuffs while they are searching our vehicles,
19 black and brown community members.

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20 And if the point of CCPSA or COPA is to build trust
21 between the police, then like allowing the members of these
22 institutions who are supposed to be representatives of the
23 community members who help put them in power to constantly
24 fight against what we are advocating for is only going to be
25 counterproductive to that.

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1 I think as the Free2Move Coalition, we are demanding
2 that these institutions stay true to their original purpose to
3 what organizers like Ms. Winters, like Frank Chapman fought for
4 for years, which is some form of community control over the
5 institutions that are constantly harming us.

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6 We also know that as Ms. Winters just said, the ACLU
7 is in a lawsuit with CPD for their use of traffic stops, yet
8 CPD and multiple members of CCPSA are trying to maintain that
9 we need these things.

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10 So for Free2Move, we are really demanding that we stay
11 true to what the community is saying and take pretextual
12 traffic stops out of usage for CPD, to take away a tool that
13 initiates traumatic and violent situations among -- like, you
14 know, my people, among black and brown people.

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15 Yeah, that is all I have. I appreciate your time and
16 I appreciate the opportunity.

17 THE COURT: I appreciate your time too. Thank you,
18 Mr. Palmer. Helpful to hear from you.

19 I know that we passed over Malcom London, so when he's
20 available, I'd love to hear from him. But I think the next
21 person on our list is Vince Davis.

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22 MS. HICKEY: Yes.

23 THE COURT: So Vince Davis, if you are available and
24 want to speak right now, you're welcome to.

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25 VINCE DAVIS: Hello?

1 THE COURT: Hello, Mr. Davis, go ahead, go right
2 ahead, sir.

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3 VINCE DAVIS: Okay. Yes. How you doing. It's an
4 honor being here today in terms of trying to make the City of
5 Chicago Police Department to improve their standards and
6 policies and procedures.

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7 I've contacted the -- I've sent a plethora of
8 documents and letters and exhibits sent to the Consent Decree
9 Monitor along with sending some information to Maggie Hickey.
10 No one has responded to the fraud and the crimes committed by
11 city personnel so, you know, Chicago police officers.

12 Also, Ms. Maggie, I sent a memorandum to you.
13 However, you did not respond. I sent a letter to
14 Superintendent Snelling to no avail.

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15 However, it's important I believe that the Consent
16 Decree should make some type of standards in terms of physical
17 procedures and drug testing procedures.

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18 Okay. I was injured on duty as a police officer and
19 went down to the medical section. And they gave me a mandatory
20 physical. Voluntarily went down there. And I spoke on this
21 many times with you guys. However, no one's responding, and --
22 but I went down to medical section and they gave me a mandatory
23 physical. And the physical consisted of cardiograph, blood,
24 and one urine sample. My one urine sample was transported to a
25 fraudulent company called Tox Stat Laboratory [phonetic]. This

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1 company never had a contract with the City of Chicago, along
2 with four signatures of Mayor Daley, two forged federal
3 certifications and but, again, no one's responding.

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4 There was theft over a million dollars of taxpayers'
5 money and right now it's being investigated or looked at in the
6 law department of the finance community, all the information
7 that I provided to you, Ms. Hickey, as well as Mary Gibbs, and
8 they're looking at this matter again.

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9 Again, the Consent Decree must create -- or facilitate
10 guidance that enables fraud, plus also theft over a million
11 dollars of taxpayers, and also forgery, forgery concealment,
12 committed within the police department. And also presently
13 there's obstruction of justice. It appears that no one is not
14 interested in my concern, Ms. Hickey. You have the power to
15 create, as mentioned in the Consent Decree, rules and
16 guidelines and policies and give it to the City of Chicago to
17 prevent this from happening again. Okay?

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18 And I'm asking you, Ms. Hickey, and your Monitoring
19 Team, look at the information that I provide to you and contact
20 me, and I will give you all what you need, along with
21 individuals that were involved. I have names.

22 And I think the Consent Decree has the power, you
23 know, to create -- [audio interruption.]

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24 THE COURT: I think we just lost you, Mr. Davis. Are
25 you still with us?

1 VINCE DAVIS: And also Mary Gibbs, I contacted the
2 Illinois Attorney General on June the 9th, 2025, of this
3 incident of theft over a million dollars. And also I mentioned
4 that the company, with the help of me, was charged and
5 convicted, was convicted --

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6 THE COURT: Mr. Davis?

7 VINCE DAVIS: Yes.

8 THE COURT: Thank you for bringing this concern to us.
9 I know that you've filed several documents relating to your
10 concerns in the Court file regarding the Consent Decree. And
11 let me explain that I do take those concerns seriously and I
12 know that Ms. Hickey does as well.

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13 The Consent Decree process is not -- does not
14 unfortunately have the capacity to deal with an individual's --
15 an individual episode or complaint. If you have a basis for a
16 charge against the City or complaint against the City, I think
17 I've explained, you would be -- you're welcome to file a
18 lawsuit if that's appropriate or a complaint if that's
19 appropriate. It doesn't necessarily fall within the
20 jurisdiction of the Consent Decree to address, you know, an
21 episode like the one you're describing. That may very well
22 represent some wrongdoing, but it's not necessarily something
23 the Consent Decree would correct.

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24 VINCE DAVIS: I'm not asking --

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25 THE COURT: And I'm not -- I don't want to make light

1 of your concerns. I know they're serious. I'm just of the
2 view that it may not be the Consent Decree per se that's the
3 appropriate forum for resolving that concern.

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4 VINCE DAVIS: I'm not asking the Consent Decree to
5 resolve the issue. I'm asking the Consent Decree to monitor
6 the bad practices that has happened to me within the police
7 department, because there might be someone else that might be
8 affected by it. Well --

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9 THE COURT: Responsible to monitor activities of the
10 police generally, but not necessarily any specific episode or
11 incident.

12 VINCE DAVIS: Okay. So --

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13 THE COURT: But I appreciate your attention and I'm
14 grateful to you for your continuing involvement in the process.
15 So thank you for that.

16 I believe Malcom London may now be available. I think
17 that's the word I got a few minutes ago. So Mr. London, if
18 you'd like to be heard right now, you're welcome to.

19 XAY LONDON: Hello?

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20 THE COURT: Yes, hello.

21 XAY LONDON: All right. Here we go. Hi, Your Honor.
22 Thank you. Sorry about the confusion. I go by Xay these days.
23 It's my preferred name. But I'm --

24 THE COURT: Okay.

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25 XAY LONDON: Yeah. But thank you so much for being on

1 this case and committed to, you know, upholding the law,
2 especially in times like right now where some people don't
3 believe in it.

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4 In the summer of 2020, I was beaten by six police
5 officers and this moment created a crisis in my life. Policing
6 for me as a black person has been a crisis, which has required
7 intervening. This wasn't the first time I experienced
8 excessive force, excessive violence, or excessive anything.

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9 And that word "excessive" keeps echoing in my head because the
10 truth is, what black people often face in the city is not just
11 policing, but excess, the excess of punishment, the excess of
12 power and abuse, the excess of fear met with force.

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13 But I'm not here today to rehearse every detail,
14 brutality and neglect. We know it exists. That's why this is
15 here. We know who it falls the hardest on. And I believe the
16 problem is bigger than any one Consent Decree can hold.

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17 But today, we are not debating perfection. We are
18 talking about harm reduction. We're talking about how we
19 lessen the blows, how we begin to build a city where safety
20 does not have to mean suffering for anyone.

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21 I like to be naive, because it helps me wake up in the
22 morning. I like to be naive that all police officers in this
23 city want to do better, that they don't sign up for this work
24 just to be executioners of policy, but to be protectors of the
25 people. And if that's true, then they need better support too.

1 When I was handcuffed to a chair in 2020, the police
2 officers who escorted me to the hospital received over 60 calls
3 on their walkie-talkies, and most of them -- and it was in two
4 hours. Most of those calls were related to crisis intervention
02:02:21 5 and for folks experiencing mental health issues. And I said to
6 them, this is making me anxious, after already being beat and
7 hurt for attending a protest. I empathized with them, because
8 officers or anybody in the city shouldn't be a one catch all
9 for a solution for any crisis in this city. And yet they're
02:02:48 10 only given months of training in academy. They are not
11 therapists. They are not lawyers. They are not healers. And
12 I don't think that they should have to be.

13 Efficiency and effectiveness depends on not bloating
14 budgets that don't get results, not continuously investing in
02:03:07 15 hiring more people incapable of meeting the needs of crisis.
16 We are a city of big shoulders and we get further when we bring
17 those shoulders together. And I believe crisis intervention is
18 one of those.

19 When people are in crisis, housing crisis, economic
02:03:24 20 crisis, responding with enforcement and not compassion
21 ultimately makes all of us less safe, including the officers
22 themselves. I'm aware of a few -- NAMI spoke earlier,
23 thresholds and there are a lot of organizations that are
24 bolstering support for the City, and I think those programs are
02:03:45 25 working. I've witnessed them work. And I hope that whatever

1 decisions are decided here can really bring accountability that
2 is real, care that is not fear, and public safety that's better
3 for all of us.

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4 We deserve a city where safety means that we're all
5 taken care of, even officers, which, you know, you know, I have
6 feelings about. But thank you, Judge, and thank you members of
7 the Court. I yield.

8 THE COURT: Thank you very much. I appreciate hearing
9 from you this afternoon.

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10 I believe we've --

11 MS. HICKEY: Biliah Mandela is available.

12 THE COURT: Wonderful.

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13 BILIAH MANDELA: All righty. Hello. Thank you,
14 everybody. And I appreciate your time, Judge Pallmeyer and
15 also Maggie Hickey and along with the rest of the Court for
16 this time to speak and share my testimony.

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17 I am an organizer with the Community Renewal Society
18 and I'm also a part of the Consent Decree Coalition. But
19 today, my statements are basically just from the perspective of
20 a person from the west side of Chicago. And this is just my
21 personal kind of reflection and testimony.

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22 So I believe that one of the purposes of the Consent
23 Decree is to provide the community with influence, policy
24 change, and a response that would work to deescalate the
25 situations between CPD and the citizens of Chicago, in order to

1 find a different outcome of policing, specifically that would
2 not lead to a person being injured, killed, or in jail, as far
3 too many of us have been.

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4 When people are in crisis or are dealing with a
5 physical, emotional, or mental issue, I don't believe that
6 police officers should be our city's first response. Too
7 often, these interactions go wrong and people who absolutely
8 needed the help are hurt or treated with less understanding of
9 the situation, getting arrested because there was no care at
10 all at the time.

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11 Two years ago, I personally experienced an emotional
12 breakdown where the police were called. Three officers arrived
13 to respond to the call, which was not reported correctly by the
14 caller, and immediately as they arrived, their consensus was to
15 take me to jail. The two officers paid no attention to me when
16 I was trying to explain the situation and the frustration I
17 felt, let alone the fact that the caller gave false
18 information, knowing very well the derogatory outcome that
19 would come from that type of call.

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20 If not for their training officer or the chief, I
21 believe it was the chief at this time, I would have been locked
22 up. And I actually had to plead to the officers to talk to the
23 chief that was sitting in the car, because there was no care
24 and understanding of what I was going through.

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25 And ultimately I've come to realize that the police

1 should not be the first responders in situations like these.
2 You know, I also realize that although I have never had a
3 personally good experience with the police, I recognize that
4 they -- we do ask a lot of them in general.

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5 Therefore, I believe that the crisis intervention is a
6 necessary step in alleviating some of the pressure on police
7 and more specifically, allowing the people to have a method of
8 response to decrease the amount of unnecessary incidents we
9 experience as citizens by their hands.

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10 This is a personal story. But I could have been shot.
11 I could have been killed or arrested. So maybe it would be
12 helpful to have another method like crisis intervention
13 programs to increase their resourcing, increase their funding.
14 That would provide a buffer to the mishandling of mental and
15 emotional situations.

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16 Ultimately I was lucky. But there are thousands of
17 individuals that have not been. You know, they struggle, the
18 CPD struggles in their job to protect and serve, which is what
19 they were, you know, pretty much brought together to do,
20 protect and serve the community. And I believe they need some
21 help in this area. And I think that crisis intervention and
22 continuing to become more and more compliant with the Consent
23 Decree could be the solution that we're looking for to kind of
24 accomplish that situation.

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25 And that's all I have to say for the day. I yield my

1 time.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Mandela, thank you very much for those
3 comments. I thought they -- I think they're thoughtful and I
4 know that the monitor takes your concerns seriously, and I
02:08:12 5 think you've made some excellent points. Thank you.

6 BILIAH MANDELA: Thank you very much, everyone.

7 THE COURT: All right. Do we have -- it would be
8 Ms. Rochford next? I don't know whether --

9 MS. HICKEY: I do not believe Ms. Rochford -- oh,
02:08:28 10 she's available. I see her now.

11 THE COURT: Great. Good. We'll hear from you next,
12 Ms. Rochford. You're welcome to make a statement.

13 MS. HICKEY: Ms. Rochford, you may be on mute. We
14 cannot hear you.

02:08:45 15 ELIZABETH ROCHFORD: Yes, can you hear me now?

16 THE COURT: Yes, we can. Thank you.

17 ELIZABETH ROCHFORD: Okay. Thank you.

18 So my name is Elizabeth Rochford, and I'm one of the
19 17th District councilors and also a leader with ONE Northside
02:09:01 20 who is one of the plaintiffs in the Consent Decree.

21 In the last few weeks, there have been troubling news
22 reports about CPD, the TAC teams violating people's rights
23 during traffic stops, leading to the City paying out
24 settlements. These are not old cases, as many people claim
02:09:24 25 most of the settlements are, but under the watch of this

1 superintendent.

2 Also reported was a lawsuit filed in relation to
3 racial harassment of an officer by other officers. If they are
4 doing that to fellow officers, what are they doing to the
5 community?

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6 Additionally, reports that CPD inappropriately filed a
7 report with the state of Illinois that Crystal Rivera was shot
8 by a suspect and not by her partner. My community is asking me
9 about these reports and how CPD is being held accountable. And
10 I'm asking the Court the same question.

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11 The superintendent claims that he wants all officers
12 to be community policing officers. There have been
13 presentations, both at these hearings and at the -- and in the
14 community by CPD leadership about a heart set, mindset, and
15 skill set for making all officers community policing officers.
16 But when given the opportunity to discuss how that will be
17 accomplished at district level meetings, no one at CPD can
18 address how, when, or where this training will occur and how
19 this will be ensured to the public. There's talk about
20 improvement, but my community is not seeing it, hearing it, or
21 feeling it.

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22 To speak to my own experience, just yesterday, I got
23 an e-mail from CPD's Bureau of Internal Affairs. At
24 10:16 a.m., it said that a complaint that I had made 11 months
25 ago was sustained. At 10:23 a.m., I got an e-mail from BIA

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1 saying that the same complaint was still an open investigation.
2 Which is it?

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3 There needs to be clear communication from all levels
4 so that the community can continue -- sorry -- the community
5 will continue to distrust this organization if they aren't
6 getting clear communication from CPD.

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7 The concerns that BIA and CIT who were supposed to
8 report next month is not going to happen, as we've heard today,
9 that's concerning. We need to be hearing what they're doing.
10 Those departments are integral to the community regaining trust
11 in the police department.

12 So I'm asking the Court to please pressure CPD to be
13 doing better. The residents of the City of Chicago deserve
14 more after six years of this Consent Decree. Thank you.

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15 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Rochford. Thank you for
16 those comments, for your observations, and for your attention
17 to the process here. We do need your continued involvement and
18 I thank you for that.

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19 I know that we have a couple of other speakers who are
20 scheduled for the afternoon, including Gregory Collins and
21 Roxanne Smith. If either of those individuals is ready, we're
22 happy to hear from you.

23 MS. HICKEY: I see Ms. Roxanne Smith and if you would
24 like to unmute yourself. I think maybe Jessica --

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25 MS. GINGOLD: Yes, here she is.

1 MS. HICKEY: Thank you very much.

2 ROXANNE SMITH: Good afternoon, Judge Pallmeyer. I'm
3 Roxanne Smith. I live in the Austin community. And I'm a
4 grassroots leader at Communities United which is part of the
02:13:46 5 Coalition.

6 I wanted to speak once again about the event that
7 happened with my son in 2008 or so, something like that, the
8 event where I've come to you several times, Judge Pallmeyer, so
9 I believe you know me. I just have on some different glasses.

02:14:09 10 THE COURT: I do remember you. Thanks for being with
11 us again.

12 ROXANNE SMITH: Okay. Before my son passed away, he
13 had a panic attack. He was born with fragile X syndrome and
14 that's a form of autism. Okay. He had a panic attack and came
02:14:27 15 out of the house while I was at a support group at my church.
16 It was mid winter. He had on a T-shirt and jogging pants and
17 some slippers. He came in there ranting and going -- just in a
18 panic, I should say. He was just traumatized by some things
19 that had been happening in our family and he was just ranting
02:14:53 20 on and on.

21 So my supporters at the support group had asked me,
22 told me I should probably call the police or -- but I just
23 wanted an ambulance to take him to see what was going on with
24 him, to help him. He wasn't a murderer. He didn't have a gun,
02:15:10 25 any of that. He had an anxiety attack.

1 The police come to the church. Long story short, they
2 knocked him on the ground, didn't ask any questions. There was
3 no intervention for him at all. He was handcuffed. They put a
4 gun to his head, one of the ladies. I'm like, no, this is not
5 how this was supposed to go, I asked you all for help.

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6 And as you can tell, I can reiterate everything that
7 happened back again, even though it was that long ago. But I'm
8 here to say the same thing that the police officers, instead of
9 them deescalating and handling the situation and listening to
10 me, they only made it worse.

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11 So finally I got their attention and they took us -- I
12 went in an ambulance with Roget, his name was Roget Smith, to
13 the hospital. And they even said he's having a panic attack.
14 He was stressed out. Being a single mom, I have to do -- wear
15 a lot of hats. But that doesn't give the police an opportunity
16 to just go in like gung ho. It was eight police cars outside,
17 six ambulances for one person. You know, we need to make it
18 make sense. In the middle of wintertime, you got to know
19 something is going on.

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20 But everything I explained, it went over my head.
21 Finally, I told them that we need to take him to the hospital.
22 He just needs some help. He's going through some things as far
23 as for his older brother being shot by the police in 2004. I
24 could go on. But I'm not going to talk about that right now.

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25 Right now, I just want to hold the police officers and

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1 the police department accountable for the way they treat people
2 with disabilities, with mental health issues, and those type of
3 things. Just because he looks like a normal person doesn't
4 mean that he's not autistic, that he -- down syndrome, I guess
02:17:16 5 they have similar looks, right? But some people with fragile X
6 syndrome, he looks just like me. I just -- I don't understand
7 why I wasn't listened to.

8 But the same thing keeps going on. Moving forward,
9 every time we survivors come together and to share our lived
02:17:36 10 experiences from years ago to today, the story remains like
11 pushed up underneath the rug so to speak. I believe and I've
12 said it before, Chicago Police Department is not properly
13 trained to respond to individuals experiencing mental health
14 crisis or anxiety attacks or, you know, just traumatized,
02:18:05 15 things they may be going through.

16 I explained already on the phone call why wasn't the
17 right people sent there, why was eight fire trucks and six
18 police cars outside of the church? Make it make sense. I'm
19 going to stand on that because I see now moving forward, once
02:18:23 20 again, it's just increasing.

21 And now that Roget has passed away, he passed away
22 March of 2023, I still have to hold onto the mantle, I have to
23 keep the baton rolling. There's changes that need to be made
24 and I will continue to advocate for better crisis prevention
02:18:47 25 intervention for my son, and for others, whoever they are.

1 And I thank you, Judge Pallmeyer, for listening to me
2 and everyone else. I appreciate that you all are taking the
3 time to hear. I try to make it easier and better each time,
4 but there are moments that a mom has a moment. But I stay
02:19:14 5 strong and keep on talking about what I need to talk about. So
6 thank you. And God bless you.

7 THE COURT: You're very welcome to our time and we
8 understand that the pain of your loss will never really fully
9 go away. So I apologize for the -- for any harm that's
02:19:33 10 happened to you and to your son.

11 Are there other speakers? Perhaps Gregory Collins?
12 I'm not sure if that person is with us.

13 MS. HICKEY: Your Honor, we do not -- Number 10,
14 Mr. Gregory Collins, is not in the queue. And Number 12,
02:19:50 15 Mr. Ike Ozuzu had canceled and said that he would be submitting
16 written remarks.

17 THE COURT: Right. Right.

18 Well, we can certainly hear from the City and the
19 office of the Attorney General and the superintendent with
02:20:03 20 their closing remarks. Of course if Mr. Collins checks in at
21 some point, we can listen to him. But right now I'm happy to
22 take your closing remarks, if you're ready to present those.

23 MR. SLAGEL: Yes, Your Honor. On behalf of the City,
24 Superintendent Snelling will be doing our closing remarks.

02:20:24 25 THE COURT: Thank you.

1 MR. SNELLING: Your Honor, how are you?

2 THE COURT: I'm fine. How about you, Superintendent?

3 MR. SNELLING: Busy. I just want to say thank you to
4 everyone on the call. Thank you for the comments. And I'll
02:20:44 5 close out by talking about some of the things that I've heard
6 here on the call and then just talk a little bit about the
7 relationship with the IMT and OAG and how we're working through
8 some of these issues.

9 You know, bear with me here, because I like to try to
02:21:03 10 address those things that I think are like at the forefront of
11 what people are thinking and I just want to acknowledge a few
12 things.

13 So Attorney, I believe it's Hilke brought up a few
14 things when it comes to uses of force and what he believes is
02:21:23 15 an increase in uses of force. There are several things that we
16 need to take a deeper dive into when we talk about the way
17 force is being used by the Chicago Police Department and how
18 it's being reported at the same time.

19 We have a dashboard that's up where people can go in
02:21:41 20 and look. We're breaking these numbers down, so that everyone
21 has a clear understanding of tactical response reports, which
22 people would believe alone documents on use of force, which are
23 not necessarily true. We've had I believe it's at least 900
24 cases where officers have completed a tactical response report,
02:22:06 25 just to document an attack on a police officer. So what we

1 used to have is what was called an officer battery report,
2 which was separate from the tactical response report. It's no
3 longer the case now. That's one thing.

4 There was a mention of an increase in chokeholds.

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5 There's -- there is an increase in reports of where there's a
6 possibility and a watch commander is not sure that a chokehold
7 was used and we put that through for investigation to make sure
8 that officers aren't using excessive force. If we're not doing
9 those reports, then we're not investigating things properly.

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10 When we talk about children and tactical response
11 reports, we respond to a lot of teen gatherings now. There's a
12 huge increase in teen gatherings where at times, officers have
13 to grab teenagers, take teenagers into custody who are
14 fighting, separate fights, things of that nature. Any time an
15 officer makes contact with a young person like that, it needs
16 to be documented. And that's one of the things that we're
17 doing.

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18 I can't say for certain that that accounts for all of
19 those things, but I can tell you that this does lead to an
20 increase. So I don't want people to believe that tactical
21 response reports are only for large uses of force, such as
22 takedowns and strikes and direct mechanical strikes, things of
23 that nature. So I just want to be clear on that. Please go to
24 our dashboard on our CPD website and it's all there for public
25 consumption.

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1 The last thing that was mentioned was First Amendment,
2 making sure that CPD can perform and respect First Amendment
3 activities. In the year of 2024, CPD dealt with 265 protests.
4 Overall, since that time, that number has increased to 441
02:24:10 5 protests across the City of Chicago. And we haven't had one
6 broken window.

7 The DNC is proof that the Chicago Police Department
8 can respect First Amendment. We had at least 15 to 16,000
9 individuals here for the No Kings March. Limited, minimal
02:24:34 10 complaints, if any. There was one arrest made for someone who
11 actually punched a police officer.

12 We speak with protesters. We talk with them. Our
13 officers got multiple compliments from them. The last protest
14 we just had this past Saturday, groups of protesters were
02:24:53 15 thanking our officers for being out there protecting their
16 First Amendment rights. So we are on the right track with
17 that. And we'll continue to do so. We'll continue to improve
18 on everything that we've done.

19 Attorney Gingold, I just want to talk about a few
02:25:11 20 things. People who are being forced into hospitalizations. I
21 can speak on when I was an officer, a sergeant, and a district
22 commander in the Englewood community. When officers arrive on
23 the scene, they have limited options to what they can do to
24 help people. And hospitalization is one of those things. And
02:25:42 25 when we talk about the ability to find other resources for

1 black people, the problem that we have on the south and west
2 sides for people in marginalized communities, when you compare
3 them, because there was a comparison made to whites who are not
4 forced into hospitalization and they had other options to
5 blacks, black people in these marginalized communities do not
6 have the same access to health care and resources as whites
7 from other areas. That's just a fact.

8 So in these situations, our officers are oftentimes
9 attempting to take someone to a hospital who may be violent at
10 the time when officers approach, and they do that in lieu of
11 incarceration or locking someone up. So I'm not saying that
12 that happens in every single case. But our officers at times
13 do the best they can with their resources that they have at
14 that time.

15 Although, can we use more help? Can we use more
16 health care providers? Absolutely. I mean, that would be
17 excellent for us. And so what I'll do is jump to Jen McGowan
18 who made an excellent point, because she explained the
19 co-responder model, which is a much better way of dealing with
20 mental health issues than anyone who will truly understand,
21 having someone there with mental health experience, clinicians,
22 along with police officers who have CIT training, who can work
23 together on this. But remember, she's from the north side.
24 Some of that on the south and west side would also be helpful
25 to us. She's doing great work and I appreciate the comments

1 because I think she explained that better than anyone could
2 have.

3 Mr. Jim Poole, the resources for CIT, I agree
4 100 percent, and I think Mr. Jim Poole made the case that there
5 needs to be more resources in these particular communities.

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6 Ben Prudek, I'm not really sure -- I wanted to go
7 back, but I believe he was asking some questions about
8 recommendations for COPA being walked back. I would go to
9 COPA's website and look at those reports. You can read through
10 them. And as you read through them, I think you'll have a
11 better understanding of what that is and how the process works.
12 I think the big problem is we as an agency along with other
13 agencies don't do a good enough job of educating the public on
14 all of the details of how these things work. And we do need to
15 do a better job than that.

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16 Arewa, I always love the passion. And she's right
17 about a lot of things. There are things that concern the
18 public that she's concerned about. And I know that she's truly
19 dedicated and trying to heal some of the things that are
20 happening out there.

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21 Again, I would say go to our website, just see and
22 have a better understanding of how we report uses of force. I
23 do believe that there's progress being made. Have we arrived?
24 Absolutely not. We still have a long way to go. We still have
25 a lot of work to do. And I've said this before. We're not

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1 going to break -- you know, just gain trust from everyone after
2 decades, decades, a century, you know, of mistrust of the
3 police. That's just simply not going to happen. But we have
4 to chip away at this and we have to get better and we're only
02:29:51 5 going to do that as long as we continue to communicate. All
6 right?

7 Mr. Nat Palmer, we're working on these pretextual
8 stops. And he did make a point. There has been a decrease in
9 those stops. And there's also been a decrease in crime. And
02:30:09 10 it's because we have a more laser focused plan around violent
11 crime. We're approaching it from a more intelligent space
12 style of policing. And I'm sure at some point, we will come to
13 some consensus around this. We do need to get better as a
14 department. We need to have better communication with our
02:30:33 15 community. And we need to have these open conversations about
16 how this is going to work.

17 I have to tell you, these next three people that I'll
18 talk about, Xay, I mean, I was blown away by his statement, his
19 communication, just the openness of mind and the awareness to
02:31:00 20 think the way that he's thinking about this, someone who openly
21 talks about being harmed and then have compassion for those who
22 he feels he was harmed by, recognizing that these individuals
23 may be dealing with something too.

24 Biliah Mandela, exact same thing. These are the types
02:31:25 25 of individuals I believe that we need as a department, as a

1 whole, we need to be talking to. Training can be developed
2 around these types of things. These types of conversations I
3 do believe can lead to healing on both sides, because it allows
4 both sides to have these conversations and talk these things
5 out. So I just -- I can't say enough about these two
6 individuals and the way that they spoke about this.

7 Ms. Rochford, I just want to clear something up.
8 There was never a report by the Chicago Police Department than
9 anyone other than the partner of Crystal Rivera shooting
10 Officer Crystal Rivera. There was never a report of anyone
11 other than Crystal Rivera's partner shooting Crystal Rivera.
12 And I just want to be clear about something, because this is a
13 sensitive issue, where we have a woman who lost her life and a
14 10-year-old who no longer has a mother, because of an incident
15 that happened here.

16 And I'll be honest, I find it offensive to use the
17 life of this woman to smear the police department over
18 something that is absolutely 100 percent not true. And if you
19 don't know if it's the truth, please do not repeat something
20 like that.

21 Roxanne Smith, I just want to say that I remember you
22 from the last time that we spoke, that you spoke, and I'm still
23 right there with you, with everything that you had to say. I
24 think this is another teaching, training moment, where we can
25 partner and have some testimony to officers in a CIT class,

1 things of that nature. I think that would be truly helpful.

2 I think being on the outside sometimes, just having
3 your voice heard is not necessarily enough. We need to hear it
4 internally. If we can partner on these types of things and
02:33:48 5 work together, even if it's video, some type of interaction
6 with officers during training, it will help us develop better
7 training around these things and then have some realtime
8 testimony from those who have been affected. Those are the
9 things that help us move forward. Those are the things that
02:34:07 10 help us get better.

11 So I believe that was it. But what I would like to
12 say is, I appreciate the time, I appreciate everyone who called
13 in and took the time out to give their comments and their
14 statements. And I believe that everyone deserves a response
02:34:32 15 for doing that.

16 That being said, I really have to thank Maggie Hickey
17 and her team and IMT. And I have to thank our team, have to
18 thank you, Judge, I have to thank the OAG. You know, every
19 time we sit and we have these conversations, we have a lot of
02:34:51 20 back and forth and there are people fighting for what we
21 believe in. And I think it opens the dialogue for us to have
22 better conversations, to grow, and to come to the best place
23 possible.

24 We've been doing that. We had what I thought was an
02:35:07 25 excellent meeting just yesterday where we all sat down and we

1 went back and forth, we used every minute of the scheduled
2 time, and I thought that we made a lot of progress, and I
3 thought it was truly productive. And I just want to keep that
4 going.

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5 I want everybody to understand that we -- I get what
6 you're saying. Progress is slow. And a lot of times we want
7 things to happen instantly and I would like to see that.
8 Unfortunately it doesn't happen that way. But I can assure you
9 that we are working to try to make the best possible police
10 department that we can and I hear your voices. And thank you
11 for your time. And I just have to say thank you again to my
12 team for working so hard on these things. And thank you,
13 Judge, for the moment. That's all I have.

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14 THE COURT: Thank you, Superintendent. We do know
15 that once again, nobody's busier than you are right now, and
16 there's a whole lot going on and the fact that you took the
17 time and listened so carefully to what everybody had to say
18 tells me something about your commitment to this process and
19 that's very important I think to -- it's critically important
20 to making sure that we do move forward. So thank you very much
21 for that, for your time and for those comments.

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22 I know that the schedule calls for closing remarks
23 from the Office of Attorney General and also from the Monitor
24 as well. So we'll turn to Ms. Grieb or whoever from the Office
25 of Attorney General who will be making closing remarks.

1 MS. GRIEB: Thank you, Your Honor. This is Mary Grieb
2 from the Attorney General.

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3 I just would like to thank all the speakers again for
4 sharing their very powerful testimony, whether it was personal
5 experiences with police officers or their professional
6 expertise about police practices. It means a lot to our team
7 that everyone has taken the time to share this information, and
8 I think one main -- a couple main takeaways is how important
9 the data is and the data collection that CPD has done and will
10 need to improve upon as the Consent Decree moves on, but just
11 how important this data is to our discussions as we talk about
12 implementation of reforms.

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13 And I think a second takeaway is just really the
14 lasting impact of an experience with police officers. We have
15 people speak about something that happened quite a long time
16 ago and has still never left.

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17 So we again appreciate everyone's time today and thank
18 you, Your Honor, for the chance to give closing remarks.

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19 THE COURT: Thank you. I certainly appreciate your
20 time as well.

21 Anybody from the Monitor who would like to make any
22 closing statements?

23 MS. HICKEY: Yes, Your Honor, I just have a few
24 comments.

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25 I too echo everyone and want to thank each of the

1 people that spoke today for sharing their experience and we do
2 take notes and we get a transcript of this. We share this with
3 our whole team and our subject matter experts on each of the
4 areas that you discuss and so we did want to let you know that.

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5 As to the two questions that were addressed
6 specifically to me, I don't answer. I wait until my closing
7 remarks. That way, we can get through all of the speakers.

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8 And I appreciate the questions from Mr. Prudek. I
9 know that had my team already send him an e-mail. But I did
10 want everyone on the call to know that COPA is included in the
11 jurisdiction of the Consent Decree for very specific things.
12 And we are aware of the Sun-Times article and it's something
13 that we will be looking at, or have and are looking at during
14 IMR-13, we are currently in the reporting period of IMR-13.

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15 And that reporting period goes from June 30th through
16 December 31st of this year.

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17 And to Mr. Davis, we have sent many responses to you.
18 I'm happy to share those responses again with you. But as the
19 judge had explained to you, the Monitoring Team does not have
20 the jurisdiction to investigate individual cases and individual
21 complaints. We've on several occasions sent you to who we
22 think may be appropriate for you to send your information to to
23 investigate the things that you are very concerned about. But
24 we do take note of your experience and as you had said earlier.

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25 And those are things we do look at, you know, in the aggregate.

1 We appreciate it. But we are unable to address the personal
2 concerns that you have. But we do respond to you and I have
3 the responses and I'm happy to forward them, if they're not
4 getting to the proper e-mail. You can -- I think I believe we
5 have your e-mail from this signup, so we'll send those to you
6 there because perhaps you didn't receive them to the other
7 places we sent them.

8 But, again, to the Court, thank you very much for the
9 opportunity for us to hear from the public, which is so very
10 important as we continue through this process.

11 We do expect that we will be filing with the Court in
12 mid to late October the -- our report on IMR-12, which reports
13 on the timeframe from January 1st through June 30th.

14 THE COURT: That's good. All right.

15 Anything further this afternoon? Thank you so much,
16 everyone. I do appreciate your time. Best wishes to all of
17 us. And I'll look forward to seeing you again at our next
18 hearing. Thanks.

19 MR. SNELLING: Thank you, Your Honor.

20 MS. HICKEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 MS. GRIEB: Thank you, Your Honor.

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