

# Independent Monitoring Team | Chicago Police Department Consent Decree

Community Newsletter

## Federal Court Listening Sessions August 19 & 20



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The Court is gathering details from Chicago's communities for the Independent Monitor's special report on the City of Chicago's and Chicago Police Department's responses to the protests and unrest since the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Judge Robert M. Dow Jr., Independent Monitor Maggie Hickey, and Inspector General Joe Ferguson are asking members of Chicago's communities to share their experiences. Community members may provide an oral statement during a public listening session or submit a written statement.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the listening sessions will take place virtually on Zoom video conferencing and will also be live-streamed on YouTube. The Independent Monitoring Team will post the YouTube link on its website just before each listening session:

**[www.cpdmonitoringteam.com](http://www.cpdmonitoringteam.com)**

Like almost all court proceedings, the listening sessions will be held on the record and be accessible to the public and the news media. The listening sessions will take place on August 19th and 20th, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Anyone interested in participating in a listening session must register by August 12, 2020. People who would like to speak at the listening sessions can register for each day using the links below. If more people sign up to speak at the sessions than time permits, the Court will randomly determine the speakers using a computer program. Representatives from the Coalition, from the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, and the City of Chicago will provide opening remarks on the first day. See Consent Decree Paragraph 709.

Anyone who needs assistance registering for a session may contact the Independent Monitoring Team at [contact@cpdmonitoringteam.com](mailto:contact@cpdmonitoringteam.com).

If you need accommodations, please include them in your registration. Please direct any questions about accommodations to the Independent Monitoring Team at [listeningsessions@cpdmonitoringteam.com](mailto:listeningsessions@cpdmonitoringteam.com).

[Click here to participate in the August 19th Listening Session](#)

[Click here to participate in the August 20th Listening Session](#)

Community members may mail or hand-deliver a written statement to the Clerk of the U.S. District Court in the Everett McKinley Dirksen Federal Building in Downtown Chicago by 4:30 PM on Thursday, August 20, 2020. The Court will not accept emails, voicemails, or anonymous statements. For more details on submitting a written statement, please click on the button below.

[Judge's Order - Including Details on Submitting a Written Statement](#)

## Monitoring Team Gathers Community Input Virtually



Members of the Independent Monitoring Team fielded community questions during an hour-and-a-half-long virtual meeting in May 2020. Elena Quintana, Ph.D, and Joe Hoereth, Ph.D, hosted the online discussion. It was designed to keep community members engaged in CPD reform despite COVID-19. The Zoom meeting allowed community members to share their thoughts and concerns about the CPD and its attempt to implement the requirements of the Consent Decree. Dr. Hoereth and Dr. Quintana are members of the Monitor's Community Engagement Team which works to capture community input as part of the team's assessment of City and the CPD's reform efforts. This type of community feedback is critical to ensuring reforms reflect the needs of the community.

# Monitor Files Second Report on CPD's Progress

The Independent Monitoring Report 2 covered compliance efforts during the second reporting period, from September 1, 2019, through February 29, 2020. The end of the second reporting period also coincided with the end of Year One of the Consent Decree.



- The City met 35 deadlines in Year One and missed 89 deadlines. The City met the underlying requirements for an additional 20 paragraphs before the end of Year One.
- The City reached a level of compliance with 61 requirements but has not reached any level of compliance for the other 169 paragraphs in Year One.

[Click Here to Read the Monitor's Second Report](#)

## Monitor Submits Plan for Year Two Outlines Next Steps in Assessing Reforms

The Independent Monitor's Plan for overseeing the City's and the CPD's progress during Year Two parallels many of the recent demands for police reform across the country and here in Chicago. The reforms in the Plan reflect a commitment to constitutional and effective law enforcement; the sanctity of life; procedural justice; de-escalation; impartial policing; community policing; preventing and reducing the need for force; and a robust and well-functioning accountability system that is fair, timely, and consistent.

The IMT will monitor 517 court-ordered reforms in Year Two, which was extended to June 30, 2021 due to COVID-19 delays. Representatives from the Office of the Illinois Attorney General's Office, the City of Chicago, and the Coalition have reviewed and contributed to the Year Two Monitoring Plan. See Consent Decree Paragraph 709.

[Click Here to Read Monitor's Plan for Year Two](#)

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