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Independent Monitor Files Third Report Assessing the Chicago Police Department's Reform Efforts

CHICAGO - Independent Monitor Maggie Hickey filed [Independent Monitoring Report 3](#) with Judge Robert M. Dow, Jr. in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The report represents an overview of the City of Chicago's reform efforts during the third reporting period: March 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, which the Court extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City and its entities faced distinct challenges during the third reporting period. This included the COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest, and officer injuries, deaths, and suicides. The Chicago Police Department (CPD) also had several personnel changes to its command staff, including its third superintendent since the start of the Consent Decree.

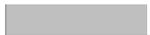
However, the City and its entities still took steps toward achieving compliance with the Consent Decree. Of the 315 paragraphs assessed during the third reporting period, the City reached some level of compliance with 154 paragraphs and did not reach any level of compliance with 120 paragraphs. Forty-one paragraphs remain under assessment. "Ultimately, we will know that reform is taking root when community members see and feel it in their neighborhoods," stated Independent Monitor Maggie Hickey.

After the first two monitoring reports raised concerns about the CPD's lack of community engagement, the CPD made more deliberate efforts to engage with Chicago's communities on new policies. Nonetheless, despite an increase in First Amendment activities regarding police reform, the CPD continued to struggle to engage with underrepresented communities most impacted by policing. The City and the CPD have continued their engagement efforts into the fourth reporting period. "It is crucial for the community to have a voice in reforming its police department," said Independent Monitor Maggie Hickey. "While the CPD has made some progress, there is still much work to be done."

This report is the third of at least 10 semiannual reports that the Independent Monitoring Team will produce over the next five years. The Independent Monitoring Team will file its special report—addressing the City and the CPD's responses to First Amendment activity and civil unrest last summer—in the spring of 2021.

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Consent Decree Compliance by December 31, 2020

Paragraphs in at least Preliminary compliance		(154)
Paragraphs that have not met Preliminary compliance		(120)
Paragraphs Under Assessment for Preliminary Compliance		(41)
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Paragraphs with Compliance Status Updates		(96)
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