

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 17-cv-06260

v.

Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

CITY OF CHICAGO,

Defendant.

**ORDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING AND WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD
REGARDING THE CONSENT DECREE**

The Court will convene a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 29, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM and from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM in Courtroom 2541 on the 25th Floor of the Dirksen Federal Building, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604** (with occasional breaks). The Court will also receive written comments. This order sets out the parameters for presenting oral and written comments.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court will be generally adhering to the Courthouse's August 21, 2022 COVID precautions, which are available here:

<https://www.ilnd.uscourts.gov/assets/documents/forms/clerksoffice/rules/admin/pdf/orders/NDIL%20Order%205th%20Amend%20Face%20Coverings%20FINAL.pdf>.

Notably, social distancing will be observed and masking is required except for persons who are speaking. **Because of these social-distancing precautions, non-speaker members of the public will not be able to observe the hearing in person. All members of the public may, however, listen to the public hearing by calling 877-336-1839, access code 6708061.** Transcripts of oral statements and the written comments will also be placed on the docket.

STATEMENT

This public hearing will address updates and feedback regarding the Consent Decree. As referenced above, this hearing will be held on the record and will be accessible by the public and the news media by phone: **877-336-1839, access code 6708061**. In addition, the Court will invite written comments, also to be placed on the record and the public docket for this case. To ensure a fair and orderly process, any person or entity that wishes to provide oral or written comments must comply with the procedures set out in this order, which provides guidance on (1) oral comments at the public hearing; (2) written comments; (3) courthouse rules, COVID-19 precautions, and space limitations; and (4) access coordination.

Oral Comments at the Public Hearing:

The Court will convene a public hearing on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM and from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM in Courtroom 2541 on the 25th Floor of the Dirksen Federal Building, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604 (with occasional breaks).

To accommodate as many speakers as possible, each public speaker will be strictly limited to three minutes. Only one person may speak during each time slot, unless accompanied by an interpreter. If a speaker requires an interpreter, the Court may adjust the speaker's time beyond the time limit, as appropriate. All speakers must state their names, state any organization they represent (if applicable), and direct their comments to the Court.

Because there are a limited number of speaker slots available, people who wish to apply to address the Court must register at the Independent Monitoring Team's website **by 4:30 PM Monday, November 21, 2022:** <https://cpdmonitoringteam.com/listeningsession/>. People may register only on behalf of themselves—not on behalf of their organization or another person. The Court and the Monitor will only use the information gathered from the registration process to determine speakers and facilitate the public hearing.

In the interest of fairness, a lottery will ultimately determine speakers appearing before the Court and the order of speaking. **On Wednesday, November 23, 2022,** the Monitor will notify people who have registered regarding whether they secured a time slot.

Due to COVID-19 precautions—described further below—and to provide the most efficient use of the hearing time, lottery winners may be provided a speaker number and provided a designated seat in the courtroom. Once the speaker has addressed the Court, the United States Marshals Service may direct the speaker to leave their assigned seat during the first available break so that the next round of speakers can be seated. Should a speaker not be present when their number is called, they may forfeit the opportunity to address the Court.

The Court hopes to hear from everyone who registers, but the public hearing will conclude at 4:30 PM, even if all registered speakers have not been heard. In recognition of the possibility that the Court will not be able to accommodate all potential speakers, the Court has placed no page limitations on the written comments.

Written Comments:

Any person or entity that wishes to provide written comments may do so by filing their document—in letter or legal brief format—with the Clerk of the Court **no later than Friday, December 2, 2022, at 4:30 PM.** Written submissions may be hand delivered or mailed to:

Clerk of Court
United States District Court
Everett McKinley Dirksen Federal Building
219 South Dearborn Street, 20th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604
Re: State of Illinois vs. City of Chicago, Case No. 17-cv-6260

All written submissions will be filed on the Court's public docket in this case and, therefore, will be publicly available through the Court's Electronic Case Filing system. All written submissions **must include the full, printed name(s) of the submitted person(s), but must not include addresses. Addresses will not be made public.** Instead, the submitting person(s) full name(s) and address(es) must be placed on the envelope in which the document is submitted, and the envelopes will be filed under seal. **No e-mails, telephone calls, or anonymous submissions will be accepted or considered.**

Courthouse Rules, COVID-19 Precautions, and Space Limitations:

The United States Marshals Service will oversee security of the hearing. The United States Marshals and court security officers may remove anyone from the hearing who violates the rules outlined in this Order or upon order of the Court.

The courtroom doors will open at 8:45 AM. Per the Joint Courthouse Security Order, issued on August 23, 2018, all persons entering the courthouse must present a government-issued photo ID. The Joint Courthouse Security Order has a comprehensive list of the types of acceptable identification and other Courthouse decorum and is available here: <https://www.ilnd.uscourts.gov/assets/documents/Joint%20Courthouse%20Security%20Order.pdf>.

All persons must pass through metal detectors that are staffed by court security officers. All personal belongings are subject to search. **No recording or photography is allowed inside the courthouse.** Court proceedings may not be recorded, photographed, broadcast, or transmitted from inside the courtroom. Posting to social media is not allowed from inside the courtroom. Electronic devices may not be used inside the courtroom. The United States Marshals and court security officers present may remove anyone from the hearing who violates these rules. Proper courtroom decorum must be maintained at all times. In fairness to all speakers, respectful silence and attention is required during the presentations of all speakers. Applause or other outward demonstrations of approval or disapproval will not be permitted. Signs, posters, or other demonstrative objects will not be allowed in the courtroom. No eating, drinking, or gum chewing is allowed.

The courthouse will also continue to follow COVID-19 precautions, which include the following:

All visitors to the Dirksen Courthouse will enter through the north revolving door on Dearborn St. All exit from the building will be through the Quincy Street exits. If you are disabled, please enter through the sliding glass doors on Dearborn Street. You will then proceed to the north screening station. The south screening station will be temporarily closed.

Observe social distancing while waiting to be screened at the security stations.

Face coverings are required for person who are not speaking.

The Court has provided disinfectant sanitizing stations and wipes throughout the Courthouse for your use.

The Courthouse is being regularly cleaned and disinfected and high touch areas are cleaned more frequently.

If you are sick, have a fever above 100.4 degrees or are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, please do not enter the Courthouse. Click [HERE](#) for further information.

If you have visited the Courthouse and learn later that you are COVID-19 positive, please contact us by [email](#) or phone 312-435-5603 so that we can take further precautions.

The cafeteria in the Courthouse is open with a limited menu and shortened hours.

If there is available seating for spectators, any spectator who leaves the courtroom once seated will forfeit his or her seat and may only re-enter if additional seating becomes available. Seating may not be reserved with a coat, backpack, or other article. With the exception of designated counsel appearing at counsel tables, no electronic devices will be allowed in the courtroom. A limited number of lock boxes will be available outside the courtroom to secure a smartphone-sized device. Members of the media will be seated in the south jury box on a first come, first serve basis. The north jury box will be reserved for court staff.

Should the courtroom reach seating capacity, an overflow room will provide some additional spectator seating: 25th floor, Courtroom 2503. Audio of the hearing will be transmitted into the overflow room. Audio will also be transmitted to the media office on the 2nd floor that has a limited number of seats for designated members of the media. Electronic devices will be allowed in the overflow room, but may not be used to record, photograph, broadcast, or transmit the hearing pursuant to the Joint Courthouse Security Order, above.

The Courthouse closes to the general public at 6:00 PM each business day. Press conferences may not be held in the courthouse lobby by any person not otherwise designated as parties to the matter (*i.e.*, the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago).

Access Coordination:

Any speaker who needs accommodations must identify the need for accommodations during registration. There will be an accessibility coordinator in the north jury box of the courtroom to work with individuals who need assistance with access. Speakers requiring accommodation will be provided a handheld microphone to address the Court next to the podium. The Court has requested a Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) provider to be present during the hearing. Any individual who requires the assistance of the CART provider must see the accessibility coordinator.

The Court has also requested an American Sign Language interpreter and a Spanish Language Translator to be present for the hearing. Any individual who requires the assistance of the American Sign Language interpreter must see the accessibility coordinator. Any person providing interpreting services for a speaker may stand next to the speaker at the lectern.

Anyone with any questions regarding these or other accommodations may contact the Independent Monitoring Team at listeningessions@cpdmonitoringteam.com.

ENTER:

Dated: November 3, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rebecca R. Pallmeyer", written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer
Chief Judge, U.S. District Court