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Hickey Files Independent Monitoring Report 2, Assessing Chicago Police Department's Reform Efforts in Year One

Chicago – Independent Monitor Maggie Hickey filed the second monitoring report today with Judge Robert M. Dow, Jr. in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. In the report, the Independent Monitoring Team assessed the reform efforts of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Police Department in the second reporting period, as outlined in the Monitoring Plan (filed on May 30, 2019). The end of the second reporting period coincides with the end of Year One under the Consent Decree.

While the filing of this report was delayed by the pandemic, the report includes the Independent Monitoring Team's assessments of the City's efforts from September 1, 2019, through February 29, 2020. This was before COVID-19 or the current social justice movement reached Chicago.

"This is a critical time in history and for law enforcement," said Independent Monitor Hickey. "The recent grief, outrage, protest, and unrest spurred by the tragic death of George Floyd demonstrate the urgent need for police reform across the country and here in Chicago. It is my hope that the current momentum around police accountability will inspire the City and the CPD to accelerate its efforts. The Independent Monitoring Team remains steadfast in its commitment to monitor and access the City's progress under the Consent Decree."

In the second reporting period, the City met 22 deadlines and missed 52 deadlines. Overall, the City met 35 deadlines in Year One, missing 89 deadlines. Despite missing the deadlines, the CPD met the underlying requirements for an additional 20 paragraphs before the end of Year One. *See* Figure 1 on the following page.

At the end of the second reporting period, the Independent Monitoring Team found that the City reached a level of compliance with 48 paragraphs that have deadlines in Year One and 13 foundational paragraphs without deadlines. The City did not reach any level of compliance with 81 of the paragraphs with deadlines in Year One, and the Independent Monitoring Team is continuing to assess the other 88 foundational paragraphs. See Figure 2 on the following page.

This report is the second of at least ten semiannual reports that the Independent Monitoring Team will produce over the next five years.

Figure 1: Total Consent Decree Paragraphs with Deadlines

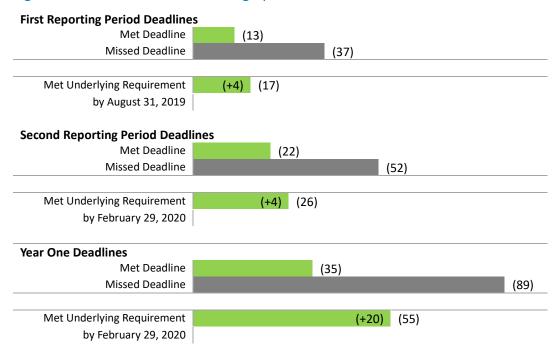
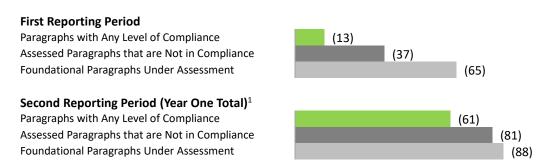


Figure 2: Compliance Status at the End of the Year One (February 29, 2020)

All Paragraphs in Year One: 230



The compliance status at the end of the second reporting period is included in the compliance status at the end of Year One, because in addition to new paragraphs, the Independent Monitoring Team assessed all paragraphs in the first reporting period in the second reporting period.