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Independent Monitor Files Second Citywide Community Survey Report

CHICAGO – Independent Monitor Maggie Hickey filed the [second Community Survey Report \(October 2021 – May 2022\)](#) with Chief Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The report details survey responses from a large, representative sample of Chicagoans: 1,129 randomly selected Chicagoans across all races and 301 responses of young Black men in Chicago between the ages of 18 and 25, the group that has the most frequent interactions with the Chicago Police Department (CPD). This survey, which was conducted between October 2021 and May 2022, asked about overall police services, effectiveness, community engagement, responsiveness, trustworthiness and procedural justice, contact and interactions with the CPD, misconduct complaints and investigations, and confidence in reform. See Consent Decree ¶¶645–51.

This is the Independent Monitoring Team’s second community survey and uses the same questions as the first community survey from 2019 and 2020. As a result, the report includes comparisons with the results from the [first community survey](#) (November 2019 – February 2020), which occurred before COVID-19 and before the nationwide protests and unrest after the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In response to both surveys, Young Black Men gave the CPD the lowest ratings, followed by all Black Chicagoans, Latino Chicagoans, and White Chicagoans. While still significant in the latest survey, these differences were smaller than in the first survey, with Black Chicagoans providing fewer negative ratings and White Chicagoans providing fewer positive ratings than in the first survey.

Overall, the CPD received a combined positive rating by over 50% of Chicagoans on only 11 of the 54 (20%) ratings questions. This is a decrease from the first Survey, where 20 of the 54 (37%) ratings questions received an overall positive rating. Independent Monitor Hickey notes, *“It is our hope that the Chicago Police Department will use the results of the second citywide community survey report to inform CPD policies, trainings, and policing efforts, prioritizing community policing and procedural justice.”*

The Consent Decree provides the framework for the City of Chicago and the CPD to prioritize building and maintaining community trust, confidence, and partnerships for short and long-term community and officer safety. See Consent Decree ¶16. Independent Monitor Hickey continues to stress the importance of prioritizing *both* constitutional and effective policing: *“The CPD must continue to develop and implement effective community engagement strategies to address the trust gap. The IMT will continue to monitor community trust in the CPD—including feedback from those most likely to interact with the CPD—until the City and the CPD can demonstrate that reform efforts are felt across all Chicago’s communities.”*

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