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Independent Monitor Files Fourth Report Assessing the City of Chicago’s and the Chicago Police Department’s Reform Efforts

CHICAGO – Independent Monitor Maggie Hickey filed the [fourth monitoring report](#) today with Judge Robert M. Dow, Jr. in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The report is a snapshot of the City of Chicago’s reform efforts during the fourth reporting period: January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021. This report is the fourth of at least 10 semiannual reports that the Independent Monitoring Team will produce over the next five years.

The City and the Chicago Police Department made progress toward compliance during this reporting period. The number of paragraphs in Preliminary compliance increased from 121 to 182 paragraphs. The number of paragraphs in Secondary compliance increased from 32 to 65 paragraphs. And the number of paragraphs in Full compliance increased from 1 to 19 paragraphs.

Consent Decree Compliance by June 30, 2021

Paragraphs in Preliminary, Secondary, or Full Compliance	(182)	(65)	(19)	(266)
Paragraphs that have not met Preliminary compliance				(215)
Paragraphs under Assessment for Preliminary Compliance	(26)			
				Total: 507
Paragraphs with Status Updates	(12)			
				Total: 519

As the City and the CPD make progress with the Consent Decree, their reform efforts will evolve from improving policies and training to implementing effective practices. To demonstrate full compliance across all Consent Decree topic areas, the City and the CPD must significantly improve their data. Through the fourth reporting period, however, the CPD continued to experience challenges and deficiencies with collecting, managing, and analyzing data. This was recently demonstrated by the CPD’s struggles to reliably report foot-pursuit data and create a data-driven policy.

Independent Monitor Maggie Hickey has stressed the importance of solving CPD’s data issues: *“Data quality is crucial to demonstrating compliance across all 10 sections of the Consent Decree. The CPD will need to improve data collection, management, and analysis to provide greater effectiveness, transparency, and accountability for Chicago’s communities, including the CPD’s own officers.”*

The Independent Monitoring Team also continues to emphasize the importance of the CPD’s commitment to meaningful and sustained community engagement. In the fourth reporting period, the CPD continued to expand its community engagement, which included reaching out to communities in new ways about its interim foot pursuit policy. But the CPD’s community engagement continues to be a work in progress. The success of the City’s and the CPD’s reforms will ultimately depend on whether those reforms are felt by Chicago’s communities.