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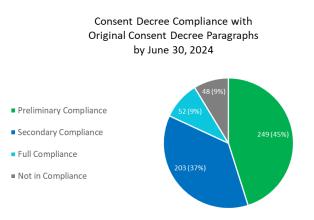
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Monitor Hickey Files Independent Monitoring Report 10, Calls on City and CPD Budget to Prioritize Accelerating Required Reforms

CHICAGO – Independent Monitor Maggie Hickey filed <u>Independent Monitoring Report 10</u> with Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The report is an update to the Court and the public on the City of Chicago's and the Chicago Police Department's compliance progress through the tenth reporting period (January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024).

By June 30, 2024, the City of Chicago reached at least some level of compliance with about 91% of the original 552 Consent Decree paragraphs: The City is in Preliminary compliance with 249 paragraphs (about 45%), in Secondary compliance with 203 paragraphs (about 37%), and in Full compliance with 52 paragraphs (about 9%).



Monitor Hickey said, "The City's and the CPD's compliance progress is behind schedule, and Chicago cannot afford to stay at the same pace, much less slow down. The CPD must accelerate compliance, and to do so, the City must provide sufficient resources to support reform efforts."

The City is currently considering the Chicago Police Department's 2025 budget, including potential cuts to the Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform. Chicago has just begun to feel real progress from Consent Decree reforms. This was evidenced by the effective planning, preparation, and community partnerships for the 2024 Democratic National Convention. While we are encouraged to hear that the City is restoring mental-health-clinician positions to the budget, the Consent Decree demands broader investment. We urge the City and the CPD to seize recent momentum by providing sufficient resources to support the CPD's ability to provide constitutional and effective policing that builds community trust every day.

The proposed cuts stand to cost Chicago more in the long term. Failure to fund reform is also a clear violation of Consent Decree paragraph 700, which requires the City to provide "necessary and reasonable financial resources necessary through steps or processes that can include the budget process to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement." Monitor Hickey added, "By entering into the Consent Decree, Chicago promised to invest in specific and lasting reforms to protect rights and promote community and officer safety. This promise cannot be forgotten."