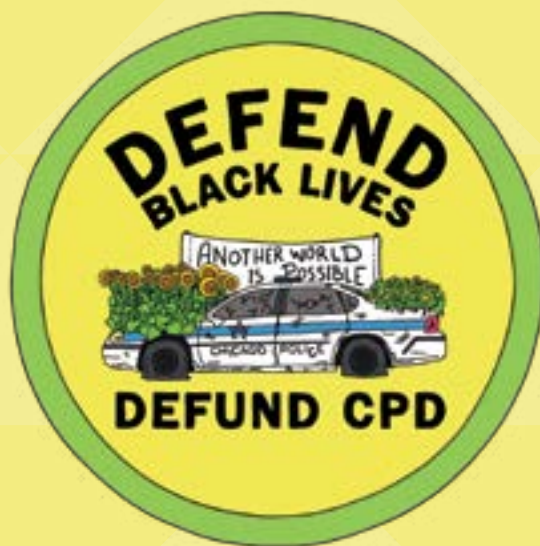


DEFUND CPD RESEARCH & POLICY TOOLKIT



How to #TakeBackTheBudget to #DefundCPD



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INTRODUCTION

Each year, the City of Chicago is tasked with creating a balanced budget in order to decide how it will utilize its revenue to best benefit the city. The city budget funds programs and projects related to finance, legislation, planning and development, community services, public safety, regulations, and infrastructure. Though each of these areas represent essential services and resources required for our city to thrive, there exists an extreme disparity between the amount of funding allocated to the Chicago Police Department (CPD) and other city departments.

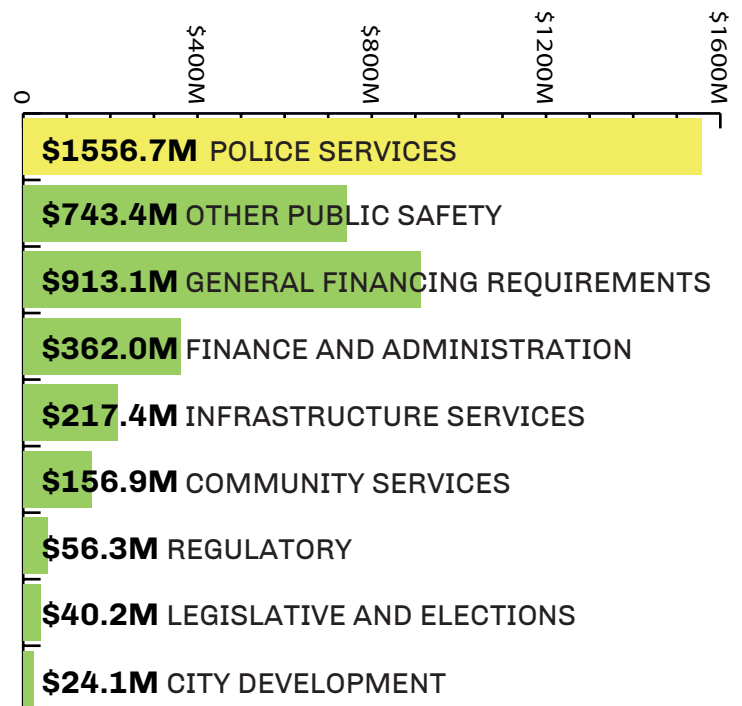
The budget consists of several funding sources; however, most of the sources have a predetermined use and rules on how the revenue may be spent. The corporate fund is considered the City's "general" fund, as it spends this money on City services such as public safety, public health, and infrastructure. This fund is sourced primarily through taxes and services paid to the city and is often the focus of the budget because it can be spent at the discretion of Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the City's 50 alderpeople.

In the proposed 2021 budget¹, the corporate fund is **\$4,022,469,000**. Of that amount, **\$1,556,686,263** — **38.7%** of the corporate fund — is allocated to the Chicago Police Department with the idea that it will keep the public safe. This amount does not include spending on police settlements or pensions. Despite calls for divestment from police and investment in community services, the City of Chicago is currently preparing to spend \$4,264,893 on the Chicago Police Department per day next year. To compare, community services have been allocated the following budgets for the whole year:

- » Family & Support Services: **\$95,388,336**
- » City Development: **\$21,902,754**
- » Violence Prevention: **\$16,500,000**

The proposed 2021 budget includes expanding initiatives that fail to address the root causes of violence which has been named as a top issue for residents and elected officials. Rather, they further our investment in policing, despite the fact that as police funding has increased in Chicago, so has crime and violence. We recognize that more policing does not and cannot keep our communities safe, and often has the exact opposite effect, as increased interactions between police and residents leads to greater criminalization of and violence against residents, particularly for Black, Brown, and Indigenous people.

2021 PROPOSED CITY CORPORATE FUND BREAKDOWN²



We believe that creating safer communities starts with funding things our community needs like job training, affordable housing, and mental health

¹ Lightfoot, Lori E, 2021 Budget Overview § (n.d.). https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/obm/supp_info/2021Budget/2021OVERVIEWFINAL.pdf.

services. In Mayor Lightfoot's citywide survey of over 38,000 residents, 87% responded that they want to defund the police to fund social services. Lightfoot is choosing to ignore Chicagoans by refusing to defund the police in her 2021 budget proposal while cutting valuable and necessary social services. **Our alderpeople have the opportunity to VOTE NO on Lightfoot's budget and make amendments that would defund the police to fund services we need.**

DefundCPD is a grassroots campaign demanding that the Chicago City Council defund the Chicago Police Department by 75%. We want the council to take resources and power away from the Chicago Police Department, which we recognize as a racist, violent institution that has too much power over our communities. Instead, we want our city to reinvest in community resources like quality, well-funded public schools, mental health centers, housing, and other social services and community institutions.

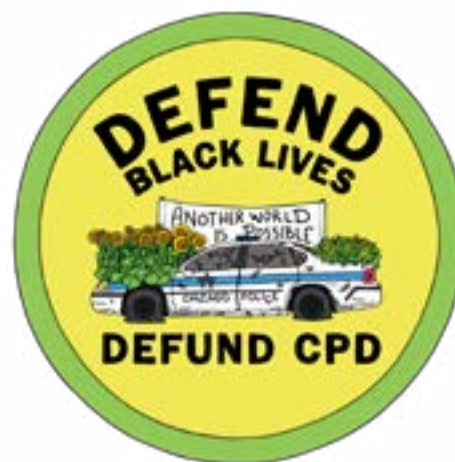
What's in the Toolkit?

Our campaign believes another world is possible. We know that the Chicago Police Department fails to keep our communities safe and that—despite the harm they cause—multiple factors protect CPD's existence. We are choosing to reimagine the City's budget outside the constraints of the current system because we know the current system does not prioritize care for our communities and was built without the true democratic input of the people.

We hope you will use this toolkit to speak to City Council members, your friends, and neighbors about building towards a future without police.

THIS TOOLKIT WILL EQUIP YOU WITH KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES ON HOW TO:

- » #TakeBackTheBudget to #DefundCPD.
- » Know what's in the City's and Chicago Police Department's budgets and how to pay for your community's needs
- » Talk about the reasoning behind defunding CPD, know the obstacles and opportunities to defunding the police department, and what you can do.



SECTION 2: HOW WE DEFUND THE POLICE

INTRODUCTION

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THIS SECTION

Section 2 starts with a breakdown of the City's 2021 Budget Proposal and the 2021 Budget Survey results. The next sections detail where we propose the 75% cuts in the CPD budget would be made and where that funding could be redistributed to community services and investing in people, not violence.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

- » Anyone interested in learning about the City's Proposed Budget for 2021 compared to the results of the Public Budget Survey.
 - » Anyone who wants to learn more specifically where the 75% cuts would come from in the CPD Budget.
 - » Those looking for talking points on the kinds of community services where the 75% could be redistributed.
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Budget Survey Results

The Budget Survey Results are Clear: Defund CPD

This fall, the City launched a public survey in order for residents to provide feedback to the Mayor's office for the 2021 budget. Over **38,000** people across every Chicago residential ZIP code responded to the survey. Respondents made it very clear that the priority of the budget should be Community Services (support for youth, homelessness, violence prevention) and Public Health (mental health, food protection) with 86% of respondents believing that they required additional resources. **Police Services ranked the lowest priority to residents**, with only 9% of respondents asking for additional resources to the police.

The survey respondents wanted to allocate 22% and 21% of the budget to Public Health and Community Services, respectively, while the 2020 Budget allocated for only 4% and 14%. The 2020 Budget allocation for Police Services was approximately 34% while the respondents asked to allocate only 6% to Police Services.

More than **90%** of responses said that the funds should be reallocated from current services rather than increase revenue sources. When asked which services to reallocate funding from, **87%** of those responses said to reallocate funding from the police budget. When respondents commented on ideas and concerns to the 2021 budget, **95%** of the comments received mentioned defunding CPD and reallocating police funding to communities to reduce crime.

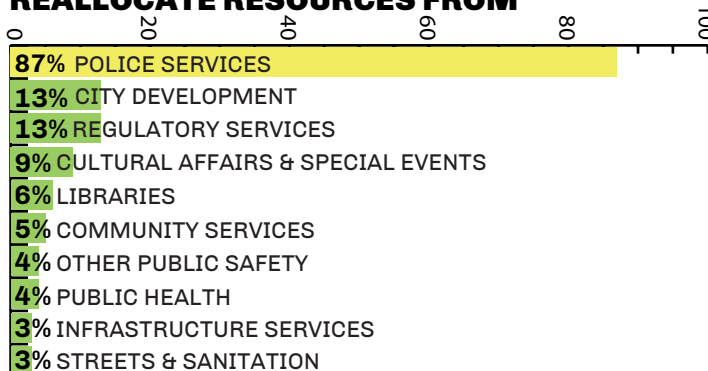
"I am tired of wasting my taxpayer money for having incompetent police officers settling lawsuits with families who have to deal with harm from police." ²

² City of Chicago Office of Budget and Management, 2020. 2021 Budget Engagement Recap. Chicago: City of Chicago. <https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/sites/budget/2021BudgetEngagementRecap.pdf>

³ *ibid.*

⁴ *ibid.*

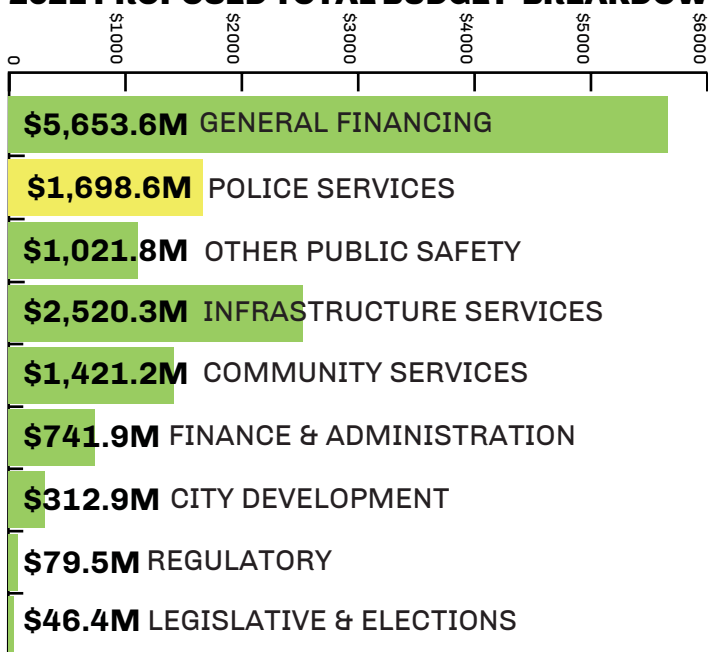
WHERE RESPONDENTS WANT TO REALLOCATE RESOURCES FROM³



THE ANSWER IS CLEAR

Chicagoans want our underserved communities funded and want the police defunded. Rather than increasing revenue through taxes paid directly by the city's working class, the people believe that funds should be reallocated from an ineffective policing system. We deserve a budget that our residents have demanded, a budget that serves our communities by reallocating our police funding into housing, mental health, youth, food protection, and community services, and we will not stop until we get it.

2021 PROPOSED TOTAL BUDGET BREAKDOWN⁴



Bottom Line: Chicagoans want our underserved communities funded and want the police defunded.

Budget Survey Results

Budget Comparisons

2020 CITY BUDGET BREAKDOWN⁵

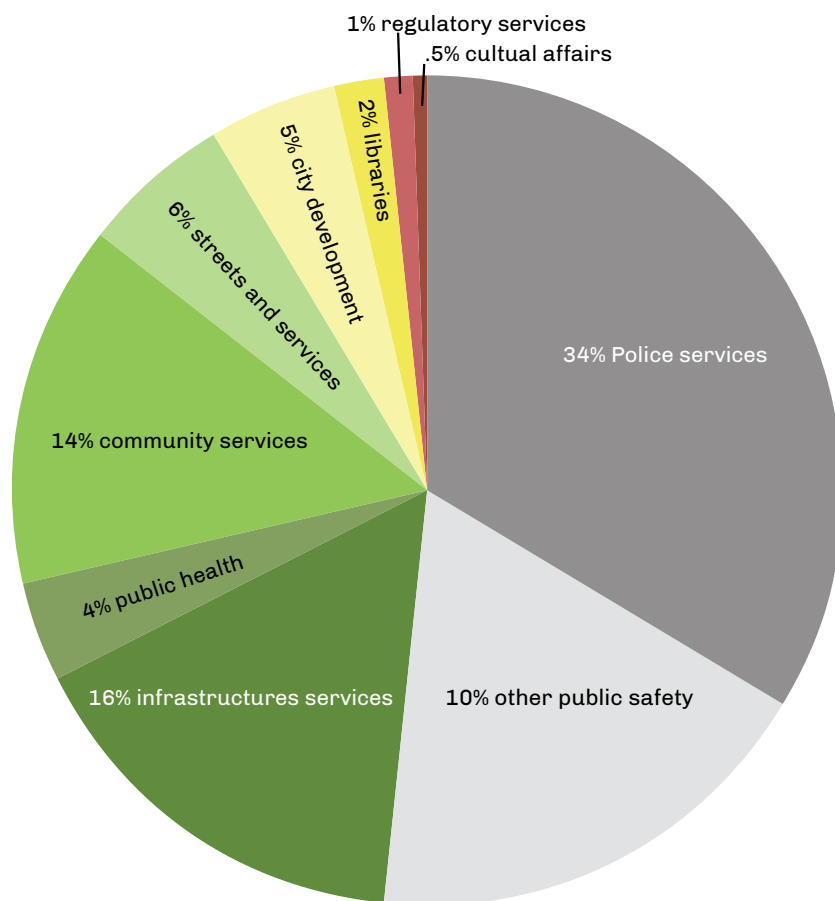
The City of Chicago's services are broken down in the following 9 functional groups:

- » Regulatory Services
- » Cultural Affairs
- » Libraries
- » City Development
- » Streets and Services
- » Community Services
- » Public Health
- » Infrastructure Services
- » Public Safety

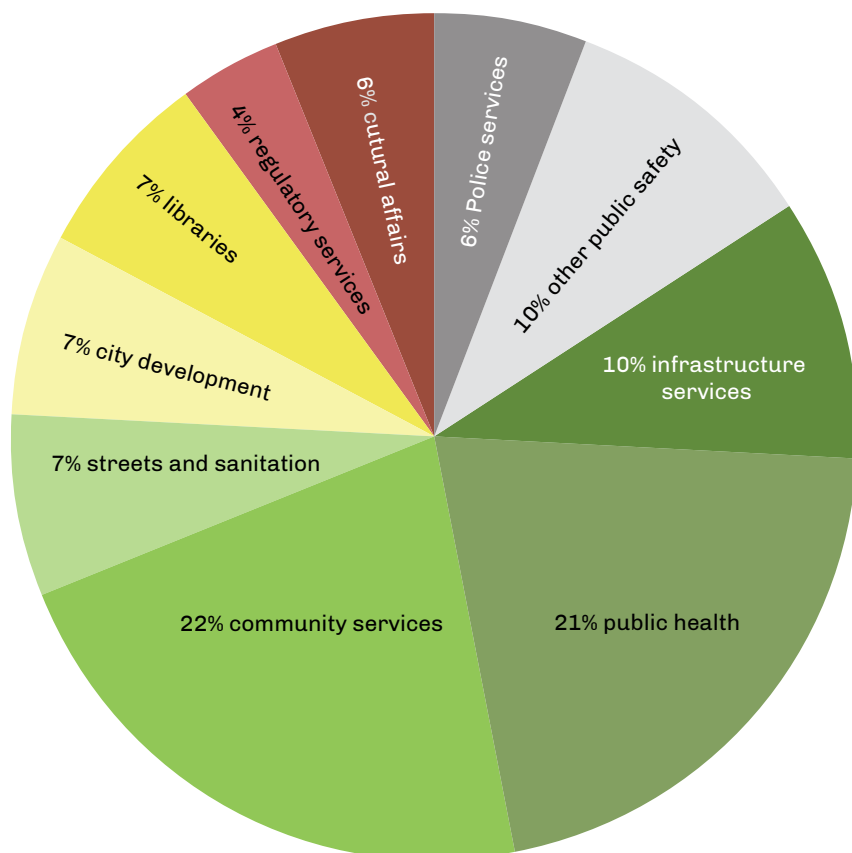
*Police Services

*Other Public Services (Fire, EMT)

The graph on the right shows a breakdown of the funding allocated to the different functional groups in 2020.

**2021 BUDGET SURVEY AVERAGE ALLOCATION⁶**

As part of the city's survey, Chicagoans were asked to distribute funds for the 2021 budget. The graph on the left shows the average allocation for each funding priority group.



⁵ *ibid.*

⁶ *ibid.*

Bottom Line: Chicagoans want to see a huge shift in city spending and want to take it out of the budget for CPD.

Defunding the Chicago Police Departments by 75%

Defunding the Chicago Police Department by 75%

The current projected budget for the Chicago Police Department is set at **\$1,556,686,263**, which means that in order to cut **75% of the budget** we would need to cut approximately **\$1,167,514,697**. The following proposed cuts to defund the police by 75% will be laid out and explained in order from what is most feasible to least feasible.

\$54,927,449 CUT PROPOSED BY CITY COUNCIL OFFICE OF FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (COFA)

DURING A JOINT VIRTUAL COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS / PUBLIC SAFETY.

- » \$30.5 million - Cut tuition reimbursement programs and uniform allowances for police officers and commanders.
- » \$23.5 million - Eliminate quarterly payments to sergeants and to those assigned to special units.
- » \$1 million - Reduce police spending at O'Hare and Midway.

\$91,360,002 CUT FROM POLICE OVERTIME BUDGET.

- » Cutting the police overtime budget has been a central piece in police budget cuts seen in other major cities such as New York⁷ and Los Angeles.⁸
- » A 2017 audit of police overtime controls found that systems were not in place to prevent abuse of overtime and the 2020 follow up to this audit found that only 2 of 13 corrective actions had been fully implemented, showing the unwillingness of the police department to make changes and reform overtime abuse.⁹ Even Mayor Lightfoot has expressed frustration regarding the large sums of money the city spends on police overtime.¹⁰

\$76,191,580 CUT FROM NOT FILLING VACANCIES

- » Based on the average salary in the CPD,¹¹ this amount could be cut by leaving the current 847 vacancies open.
 - * Mayor Lori Lightfoot proposed leaving 614 of these open in her 2021 budget address
- » Similarly to overtime cuts, this would follow trends by other major U.S. cities such as New York which canceled its' NYPD academy classes totalling in 1,100 cadets not being hired¹² and Milwaukee which proposed to cut 120 positions through choosing to not rehire.¹³

⁷ Office of the Mayor. "Mayor De Blasio Announces Budget." The official website of the City of New York, June 30, 2020. <https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/487-20/in-face-an-economic-crisis-mayor-de-blasio-budget-prioritizes-safety-police>.

⁸ Zahniser, David. "L.A. Panel Backs \$133 Million in LAPD Cuts, Stopping Far Short of 'People's Budget'." Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Times, June 23, 2020. www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-06-22/lapd-overtime-bank.

⁹ Office of Inspector General. "Chicago Police Department Overtime Controls Audit Follow-Up Inquiry." Office of Inspector General, February 3, 2020. <https://igchicago.org/2020/02/03/chicago-police-department-overtime-controls-audit-follow-up-inquiry/>.

¹⁰ Pratt, Gregory. "Mayor Lori Lightfoot Says City 'Can't Afford' Current Police OT Costs." Chicago Tribune, Chicago Tribune, September 10, 2019. <https://www.chicagotribune.com/politics/ct-lori-lightfoot-police-overtime-20190909-3tquo3622fcuphgbo3s5dx53q-story.html>.

¹¹ This number was calculated using monthly average salary of \$7,496.22 found on the Office of Inspector General Information Portal, which would mean the average yearly salary is \$89954.64

¹² Russell, Josh. "New York City Council Shifts \$1 Billion From Police Department Budget." Courthouse News Service, July 1, 2020. <https://www.courthousenews.com/new-york-city-council-shifts-1-billion-from-police-department-budget/>.

¹³ Dirr, Alison. "Milwaukee to Lose 120 Police Officer Positions under Mayor Tom Barrett's 'Sobering' 2021 Proposed Budget." Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, September 22, 2020. <https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/milwaukee/2020/09/22/milwaukee-police-lose-120-officers-mayor-tom-barretts-budget/5850861002/>.

Bottom Line: It's clear where \$1,167,514,697 can be cut from CPD's budget.

Defunding the Chicago Police Departments by 75%

\$82 MILLION CUT BY TAKING THE BURDEN OF SETTLEMENT CONDUCT OUT OF THE TAXPAYER DOLLARS

- » Over the past 10 years Chicago has paid over half a billion dollars in law suits, because cities often continue to fight against allegations where misconduct is clear, thus increasing attorney's fees and settlement amounts.⁹
- » A possible alternative could be liability insurance as recommended by COFA,¹⁰ but the public should not be responsible for the misconduct of police officers.

\$863,035,666 FROM PERSONNEL CUTS

- » Approximately 9,595 positions need to be cut from CPD.
- » Redirecting funds from CPD to violence interruption programs, health care, mental health services, housing, and youth programs will eliminate the need for such a large police department by funding other areas of the budget that actually keep us safe and are allowing for treatment not trauma.

While obstacles, such as FOP contract stipulations may prevent some of these stated changes from occurring legally, with political will and people power, we believe these necessary changes can occur. We choose to reimagine outside the constraints of the current system, since we know the current system was built without the true democratic input of all people.

¹⁴ Corley, Cheryl. "Police Settlements: How The Cost Of Misconduct Impacts Cities And Taxpayers." NPR. National Public Radio, September 19, 2020. <https://www.npr.org/2020/09/19/914170214/police-settlements-how-the-cost-of-misconduct-impacts-cities-and-taxpayers>.

¹⁵ Cherone, Heather. "Here's How to Cut \$55M from the \$1.7B Chicago Police Budget: Office of Financial Analysis." WTTW News, 2020. <https://news.wttw.com/2020/09/17/here-s-how-cut-55m-17b-chicago-police-budget-office-financial-analysis>.

HOW DO WE CUT \$1,556,686,263 BY 75% ?

+	\$30.5 million - Cut tuition reimbursement programs and uniform allowances for police officers and commanders
+	\$23.5 million - Cut quarterly payments to sergeants and to those assigned to special units
+	\$1 million - Reduce police spending at O'Hare and Midway
+	\$91,360,002 - Cut from police overtime budget
+	\$76,191,580 - Cut from not filling the 847 vacancies
+	\$82 million - Cut by taking the burden of settlement conduct out of the taxpayer dollars
+	\$863,035,666 - From dismissing 9,595 CPD positions
=	\$1,167,514,697 OR 75%

Bottom Line: With political will and people power, we can overcome obstacles on the way to reimagining public safety outside the constraints of the current system.

Where Will the 75% Go?

Where Will the 75% Go?

At the heart of this campaign is a demand to defund the CPD by 75% and reinvest in people instead of violence and incarceration.. And so, where would that money go, and how could we build a police-free future? To address this question, we initiated a research project that used Lori Lightfoot's [Mayor's Budget Recommendations for Year 2021](#) to explore how funding could be reallocated to a broad variety of community services.

METHODS AND RESULTS:

Community services were the highest ranked result of the [2021 Chicago Budget survey](#).¹⁶ Therefore, we examined the budgets of various departments and programs that would serve Chicago better than police, including the Department of Public Health, the Commission on Human Relations, Office of Disabilities, Department of Family and Support Services, and the Chicago Public Library. Using the Mayor's 2021 Budget Proposal, we calculated how much we could increase the spending of their various programs.

Defunding the CPD by 75% would produce \$1,167,514,697. The following sections detail how that funding could be reallocated, see the [Where Will The 75% Go Website](#)¹⁷ to learn more and create your own budget reallocation plan. You can adjust the spending amounts by typing in the value you would like to see in each category.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH:

The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) is made up of several programs that promote the health and safety of the residents of Chicago. The 2021 budget recommendation for CDPH is \$57,174,490 (1.4% of the corporate fund). Even in a public health crisis, it appears that chronic disease services received ~1% or <1% of the proposed 2021 public health budget. Mental health services were recommended \$1,451,864 (.037%) in 2021, but this is not a sufficient budget to accommodate the number of people who need and lack access to

¹⁶ *ibid.*

these services. We could increase funding to many of these programs by 150% to 200%, resulting in an additional \$100M funding, which would support trauma centers, access to medical facilities/clinics, programs that address environmental racism, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs for underrepresented groups.

HUMAN RELATIONS:

The Chicago Commission on Human Relations (CCHR) is intended to highlight the diversity of Chicago. CCHR also works to fight against bigotry, prejudice, and discriminatory practices. The 2021 budget recommendation for CCHR is \$1,065,905 (.026%). This entire department is made up of less than 20 full time employees (FTE). Expanding this department by 150% or \$10M is necessary to reap the benefits of such programs in a city of approximately 3 million residents.

OFFICE OF DISABILITIES:

The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) works to afford equal opportunities to people with disabilities in order to accommodate them in all facets of their lives. The 2021 budget recommendation for MOPD is only \$1,873,653 (.047%) with a significant portion of funds going towards administrative costs. More funds could go towards preventative programs and accessibility compliance costs, which currently receive less than \$1,000,000 per year, combined.

¹⁷ "Where Will The 75% Go?" Accessed November 24, 2020. <https://www.defundchicagopolice.com/budget-tool/>.

Bottom Line: The budget from defunding CPD by 75% can go a long way towards investing in community services.

Where Will the 75% Go?

DEPT. OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES:

The Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) seeks to improve the livelihoods of Chicago families and children, namely those most vulnerable. The 2021 DFSS budget recommendation stands at \$95,388,336 (2.4%). While this budget is already sizable, increasing their funding by 150% would reach more families and children in need.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY:

The Chicago Public Library (CPL) promotes reading, literacy, and learning for all Chicagoans. CPL strives for the equal accessibility of knowledge and technology for residents and other visitors alike across 81 neighborhood locations. The CPL budget recommendation is \$72,911,461 (1.8%) for 2021. \$59,757,917 of this budget is allocated towards Harold Washington Library and Popular Library at Water Works while \$7,736,698 is split between the remaining libraries. More funds could go towards the remaining libraries, including those in under-resourced communities. Libraries could improve community outreach and programs as well as hire more staff.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING:

The current corporate fund allocation for the Chicago Department of Housing is \$9,993,237 (.25%) for 2021. In the greater Chicagoland area, there are 100,062 Affordable and Available rental homes for 323,342 extremely low-income renter households. Therefore, there is a deficit of 223,280 extremely low-income renter units. If Chicago wants to actually address its housing crisis, it needs to allocate the necessary resources to make a dent in the problem. \$5,000,000 of that nearly 10,000,000 went to the Chicago Low Income Housing Trust Fund. According to the 2020

Budget Overview, that \$5,000,000 was for the purpose of building 520 low income housing units. If that scales at say, 90% efficiency, \$250,000,000 would build 23,400 units. Continuously allocating that money over a 10 year period is one way to decrease the affordable housing crisis in Chicago.

CONCLUSION:

These are just some of the ways in which we can build a police-free future. By investing in people and the things that they need, we keep us safe. However, the reallocations calculations listed above are not fixed terms, and true empowerment comes when the people can decide how they want to reallocate funds themselves. **So check it out yourself and build your own police-free future!**

"Abolition is about presence, not absence. It is about building life-affirming institutions."

—Ruth Wilson Gilmore

Bottom Line: If we defunded the CPD by 75%, we could build more affordable housing, invest in community-serving institutions like libraries, and improve the livelihoods of the most vulnerable Chicago families and children.

SECTION 3: UPLIFTING COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

INTRODUCTION

THE CASE FOR DEFUNDING THE POLICE AND UPLIFTING COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

The call to defund the police is also a call to reimagine a city budget that actually invests in what communities need, like education, housing, and healthcare. Communities know what they need to thrive. Here are some ways Chicago communities are fighting for what they need despite city disinvestment.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

- » Anyone interested in learning about some of the existing groups and initiatives that are leading the way in meeting community needs.
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Food Security & Accessibility

Food Security & Accessibility

Not all Chicagoans have equal access to supermarkets and healthy, affordable food. Many communities on the West and South Sides live in food deserts. For example, on 79th Street between Lake Shore Drive and Pulaski, there are zero supermarkets.¹⁸ The Food Empowerment Project defines food deserts as “geographic areas where residents’ access to affordable, healthy food options (particularly fresh fruits and vegetables) is restricted or nonexistent due to the absence of grocery stores within convenient traveling distance.”¹⁹

Residents in Chicago’s food deserts are organizing to meet their community’s needs by creating community-led gardens and food distributions centers. Here are some examples:

- » **El Paseo Community Garden** in Pilsen proudly works to grow healthy food and strong community leaders through both private and collective gardening beds.
- » **Onward Neighborhood House** in Belmont Cragin partnered with the Greater Chicago

Food Depository to open a client-choice food pantry. A client-choice food pantry offers residents the opportunity to choose fruits, vegetables, dairy, frozen meats, bread, grains, and breakfast foods from various food stations as if they were in a supermarket.

- » **Grow Greater Englewood**’s mission is to be “a social enterprise that works with residents and developers to create sustainable, food economies and green businesses to empower residents to create wellness and wealth.”²⁰
- » **Belmont-Cragin Mutual Aid** collaborates with other neighborhood mutual aid efforts and local nonprofits to help folks get the food, supplies, and masks and gloves they need during the COVID-19 crisis.

¹⁸ Kimberly Durden, “Food Deserts Continue to Plague the Southside,” Chicago Defender, January 7, 2020, <https://chicago defender.com/food-deserts-continue-to-plague-the-southside/>.

¹⁹ “Food Deserts*,” Food Empowerment Project, accessed November 4, 2020, <https://foodispower.org/access-health/food-deserts/>.

²⁰ “Mission,” Grow Greater Englewood. Accessed November 20, 2020. <https://www.growgreater.org/mission>.

Covid-19 Response & Healthcare

COVID-19 Response & Healthcare

The COVID-19 pandemic and the corresponding economic crisis has increased the need for free, comprehensive healthcare. The Chicago Department of Public Health only represents 1.9% of Mayor Lightfoot’s proposed \$11.65 billion city budget.²¹ In 2012, the city closed half of its public mental health clinics.²² When we defund the Chicago Police Department, we can invest in healthcare initiatives—both new and existing ones that have already been established by communities.

- » **Northside Action for Justice**, an organization dedicated to advancing economic and social justice on the North Side and beyond, provided
- free flu shots and COVID-19 tests in Uptown in October. Access to COVID-19 tests for all members of our community, regardless of their insurance status, is essential to keeping our communities safe.
- » Mutual aid groups such as the **Uptown Buena Park Solidarity Network** packed kits with sanitizer, hand wipes and face masks for neighbors. Others distributed masks and other PPE to the community.
- » The **Chicago Coalition for the Homeless** Mutual Aid Fund provided one-time emergency grants of up to \$500 to individuals or families

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experiencing homelessness, including people staying at a shelter or living doubled-up with family or friends.²³ This assistance helps people secure temporary housing to quarantine safely and limit the spread of COVID-19.

- » **Collaborative for Community Wellness**, a coalition of mental health professionals, community-based organizations and community residents, conducted a research project to “collectively tackle the multiple barriers to mental health access.”²⁴ They recommend expanding long-term, trauma-informed mental health services.
- » **Broadway Youth Center** (BYC) in Uptown provides healthcare and other services to transgender, queer, lesbian, bisexual and gay youth, especially young people who do not have stable housing.²⁵ BYC sees anyone, regardless of ability to pay.
- » Parent mentors at **Brighton Park Neighborhood Council** host community health fairs and do outreach to connect their neighbors to health resources across the city.²⁶

- » **Chicago Abortion Fund** provides financial, logistical, and emotional support to people seeking abortion care.²⁷
- » **Chicago Birthworks Collective**—a collective of birthworkers, healers, and wellness practitioners serving Black families—provides prenatal pregnancy, birth and postpartum services.²⁸

²¹ Lori E. Lightfoot, “2020 Budget Overview,” City of Chicago, 2020, https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/obm/supp_info/2020Budget/2020BudgetOverview.pdf.

²² Cheryl Corley, “Closure Of Chicago Mental Health Clinics Looms,” NPR (NPR, April 27, 2012), www.npr.org/2012/04/27/151546358/closure-of-chicago-mental-health-clinics-looms.

²³ “Apply to Receive Funding through the CCH Mutual Aid Fund.” Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, July 23, 2020. <https://www.chicagohomeless.org/maf/>.

²⁴ 2018 Report,” CCW Chicago, accessed November 4, 2020, <https://www.collaborativeforcommunitywellness.org/2018-report>.

²⁵ “Broadway Youth Center,” Howard Brown Health, October 27, 2020, <https://howardbrown.org/service/broadway-youth-center/>.

²⁶ “Parent Health Promoters: BPNC Chicago,” BPNC Chicago, accessed November 4, 2020, www.bpnccchicago.org/parent-health-promoters.

²⁷ “Chicago Abortion Fund,” Chicago Abortion Fund, accessed November 4, 2020, <https://www.chicagoabortionfund.org/>.

²⁸ “Home: Chicago Birthworks Collective,” Chicago Birthworks Collective, accessed November 4, 2020, <https://www.chicagobirthworks.com/>.

Harm Reduction and Community Safety

Harm Reduction and Community Safety

Police only respond to harm after it has occurred, if they respond at all, and that does little to actually reduce harm and heal from its impacts.²⁹ With the comparatively little resources they are given, communities have been forced to take on the tasks of addressing the root causes of harm and healing, while still facing the ongoing threat of violence from the punitive justice system. If we defund the police, we can invest in community initiatives that actually address harm with informed care, including the below examples.

- » Uptown’s **Alternatives** offers youth behavioral health services and restorative

justice programs. The organization’s stated purpose is “to facilitate personal development, strengthen family relationships, and enhance the community’s wellbeing.”³⁰

- » Englewood nonprofit **Teamwork Englewood** recommends public safety strategies that include peace campaigns, restorative justice peace circles, after school programs and centers for youth to reduce arrests, and counseling programs (anger management and substance abuse) for 18-34 year olds.³¹
- » During June 2020, when the Latin Kings were committing anti-Black gang violence in response

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to looting in the Little Village and North Lawndale neighborhoods, CPD left residents to fend for themselves. Community activists, violence interrupters, clergy, local leadership, and even gang-affiliated individuals spoke out against racism on social media and mobilized to de-escalate violent interactions. **ChiResists** organized the first cross-neighborhood unity march and then **El Foro del Pueblo** followed with a Brown People for Black Power march in Little Village. All of these efforts ultimately led to Latinx and Black street gangs coming together for understanding and moving towards unity.³²

²⁸ "Report Shows Low Arrest Rates for Sex Crimes in Chicago," WBEZ (WBEZ, October 8, 2020), <https://www.wbez.org/stories/report-documents-low-arrest-rates-for-sex-crimes-in-chicago/ece9b82f-ebca-41e7-a725-85a38cc639e4>.

²⁹ "About - Alternatives," Alternatives, accessed November 4, 2020, <https://www.alternativesyouth.org/about/>.

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³¹ Jacqueline Serrato, "Abandoned Communities Arrange Black/Brown Truce," South Side Weekly, June 9, 2020, <https://southsideweekly.com/abandoned-communities-arrange-black-brown-truce/>.

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Housing

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Across Chicago, new housing developments have catered to wealthy residents and driven gentrification that prices low-income Chicagoans out of some neighborhoods.³³ At the same time, disinvestment in other areas leaves a glut of vacant homes that require refurbishment to become viable housing. All people have a right to housing.

Chicagoans across the city are already making grassroots efforts to build affordable homes for all, utilize vacant homes for folks experiencing homelessness, and end evictions and foreclosures. Investing in these efforts instead of the police department will go much further to improve the lives of Chicago residents.

- » Belmont Cragin (30th Ward) has 2,188 vacant housing units,³⁴ but many of those units are not affordable (i.e., monthly payments exceed 30% of a household's monthly income). In 2019, there were only 261 affordable rental units for a neighborhood that is home to about 80,000 people³⁵. Investment in rental assistance funds and eviction/foreclosure prevention programs, like **Northwestside Housing Center**, could help close this gap and keep folks in their homes. Even before the crisis, a University of Illinois at

Chicago study estimated that at least half of the homeowners in Belmont Cragin couldn't afford their mortgage.³⁶

- » The Uptown/Rogers Park area (46th Ward) is one of top five Chicago neighborhoods in Chicago with the biggest affordability gap.³⁷ This means the number of renters in need far exceeds the number of affordable units. This gap disproportionately impacts the neighborhood's Black, Asian, and Hispanic residents. Between 2000 and 2016, the neighborhood's African American population **declined by 20%**, its Asian population dropped by 35%, and its Hispanic population fell by 45%³⁸. Residents have responded by advocating for affordable housing and for a voice in development projects through groups like **Voice of the People in Uptown**, an organization which now co-owns four properties in Uptown that were recently acquired by **Preservation of Affordable Housing**. These will provide 192 apartments in 11 buildings for individuals and families.
- » On the South Side, **Southside Together Organizing for Power (STOP)** builds power

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among Woodlawn residents, touching issues like housing, mental health, and the police. Beyond advocating to reopen city mental health clinics and remove police from schools, STOP is also one of many organizations fighting for a community benefits agreement in the area around the Obama Center. They are fighting for the Washington Park, Woodlawn, South Shore, and surrounding area residents who face the risk of displacement. Half of Woodlawn's current population, almost 4,500 renting households, are at high risk of displacement.³⁹

- » Teamwork Englewood's **Englewood Quality of Life Plan II**, developed in collaboration with residents and community stakeholders, highlights the need for investment in renovating vacant properties and an independent community advisory board to hold outside developers accountable to the best interests of the community. Their 2016 report stated that home ownership is declining, with only 27% of Englewood homes owner-occupied.⁴⁰ The plan further suggests vacant home renovation is an opportunity to “partner with veterans and

construction professionals to teach skills to youth and formerly incarcerated.”⁴¹

³³ Institute for Housing Studies - DePaul University, “Chicago's Affordable Housing Shortage Needs Neighborhood Solutions,” Institute for Housing Studies - DePaul University, accessed November 4, 2020, www.housingstudies.org/blog/chicagos-affordable-housing-shortage-needs-neighborhood/.

³⁴ “Community Data Snapshot Belmont Cragin, Chicago Community Area,” Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, June 2020, www.cmap.illinois.gov/documents/10180/126764/Belmont+Cragin.pdf.

³⁵ “Belmont Cragin,” Chicago Health Atlas, accessed November 4, 2020, <https://www.chicagohealthatlas.org/zip-codes/belmont-cragin>.

³⁶ “Belmont Cragin Housing Study,” Local Initiatives Support Corporation Chicago (Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement, June 2016), http://archive.lisc-chicago.org/uploads/lisc-chicago-clone/documents/belmont_cragin_housing_study_-_final_report_6-17-16.pdf.

³⁷ Institute for Housing Studies - DePaul University, “Chicago's Affordable Housing Shortage Needs Neighborhood Solutions,” Institute for Housing Studies - DePaul University, accessed November 4, 2020, <https://www.housingstudies.org/blog/chicagos-affordable-housing-shortage-needs-neighborhood/>.

³⁸ Scott Klocksins, “How Can Uptown Hold on to Its Affordability?,” Curbed Chicago (Curbed Chicago, April 27, 2020), <https://chicago.curbed.com/2020/4/27/21235138/uptown-affordable-housing-luxury-developer>.

³⁹ “Why,” Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) for the area around the Obama Center, accessed November 4, 2020, <http://www.obamacba.org/background.html#truce/>.

⁴⁰ “Englewood Rising,” Englewood Portal (Teamwork Englewood | LISC Chicago New Communities Network, 2016), http://www.engagewoodportal.org/uploads/engagewoodportal/documents/eng_qol_report_final_all_2.pdf.

⁴¹ *ibid*.

Schools & Education

Schools & Education

Education is supposed to be a great equalizer, but how can that be when schools in Chicago's Black neighborhoods are overwhelmingly deprived of resources?⁴² During the 2018-2019 school year, almost a third of Chicago Public Schools (CPS) had classrooms with no teacher for the whole year.⁴³ Schools serving low-income and Black students are twice as likely as other schools to have a yearlong teacher vacancy.⁴⁴ When we call to defund the police department, we are also calling for a reinvestment in public education. Here are some ideas from communities across the city:

- » Hire nurses, counselors, and family resource coordinators for every school. In 2017-

2018, CPS employed only 108 certified school nurses—that's one nurse per 2,859 students. The Chicago Teachers Union's latest strike won a commitment to place one nurse in every school over the next 5 years. However, CPS has said the district may face challenges finding quality candidates⁴⁵. There's a need to invest money in training and finding quality candidates and a need to pay them proper salaries upon hiring.

- » Chicago nonprofit **My Block My Hood My City** serves underprivileged youth in different communities of Chicago and has been providing remote supplemental youth wellness and

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remote activities during COVID-19.⁴⁶ Many after-school youth programs have come to a halt due to COVID-19. There's a need to expand after-school youth programs, so young students feel connected with their peers during these difficult, remote learning times.

- » The **Onward House** in Belmont-Cragin offers classes for Spanish-speaking, adult learners, including GED classes.⁴⁷ If more community-based organizations were able to offer more programs for adult learners and parents, like GED and computer classes, it would help provide more pathways to opportunity for more people in communities that have been left behind.
- » The **Englewood Quality of Life Plan II**, developed by Teamwork Englewood in collaboration with residents, proposes to help youth by "identifying existing reading

programs...to achieve at-grade level reading scores" and "attract capital and resources for student-led enrichment programs."⁴⁸

⁴² "Report Shows CPS' Student-based Budgeting Concentrates Low-budget Schools in Black Neighborhoods." Roosevelt University, accessed November 3, 2020, <https://www.roosevelt.edu/news-events/news/20190923-Farmerreport>.

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⁴⁵ Sarah Karp, "Chicago Wants a Nurse for Every School- Are there Enough?" WBEZ, January 31, 2020, <https://www.wbez.org/stories/chicago-wants-a-nurse-for-every-school-are-there-enough/6fd0ab16-847c-42b8-89d8-0d858c892ce5>.

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⁴⁸ "Englewood Rising" pg: 3, 2016, accessed October 31, 2020, http://www.engagewoodportal.org/uploads/engagewoodportal/documents/eng_qol_report_final_all_2.pdf.

Employment

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The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in record-breaking unemployment rates, with Illinois seeing 1.9 million new unemployment claims since early March⁴⁹. Mayor Lightfoot called police "one of the few tools that the city has to create middle-class incomes for black and brown folks."⁵⁰ Imagine if instead of spending \$4 million a day on the police, we invested those millions into actual job training programs and created pathways to high-paying jobs that did not require you to arrest and kill black and brown folks. Research from the University of Illinois at Chicago has shown that neighborhoods with the highest rates of violence are also those with high rates of joblessness.⁵¹

- » In Austin, where about 25% of residents are unemployed, the **Jane Addams Resource Corporation (JARC)** recently opened a training center for jobs in the manufacturing center.⁵²

Opening the Chicago West Side Training Center is only one step in JARC's partnership with local non-profit Austin Coming Together to implement the **Austin Quality-of-Life Plan** and improve career opportunities in the community. The plan also includes the redevelopment of closed Emmet Elementary School into a workforce development and training center with resources like career development programs, vocational training, and apprenticeships for high-demand fields.⁵³

- » Englewood non-profit **Inner-City Muslim Action Network** recently received a \$1 million grant from the city for their Green ReEntry Program. It provides 50 people with 12-month apprenticeships and 14 weeks of training in HVAC, electrical, carpentry and production welding, during which they will rebuild homes and apartments across the city.⁵⁴ Imagine how many

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more Chicago residents this program could serve if we took even a slice of the millions we spend on police.

- » This summer, the One Summer Chicago initiative offered 20,000 Chicago youth paid job and life skills training as well as online professional development groups. Research shows that youth joblessness leaves “permanent scars”: it leads to decreased likelihood of employment later in life, decreased level of wages, decreased life satisfaction, and lowers self esteem.⁵⁵

⁴⁹ “Unemployment Rate Rises to Record High 14.7 Percent in April 2020,” U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 13, 2020), www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2020/unemployment-rate-rises-to-record-high-14-point-7-percent-in-april-2020.htm?view_full.

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Environmental Justice and Building Green Space

Environmental Justice and Building Green Spaces

If we defund the police, we can build new green spaces and invest in those that already exist. We can build more community gardens and equip these spaces with free water and water equipment so residents can grow their own fresh produce. We can also rehabilitate parks, playgrounds, and paths to encourage a lifestyle of community and physical and mental wellbeing.

South and West side residents are also disproportionately affected by pollution and toxins from industrial facilities, due to discriminatory zoning, permitting and land use laws, and lax environmental regulations.⁵⁶ Defunding CPD would allow the city to work towards environmental justice, by establishing reparations for past harms and prioritizing clean, sustainable development for working class, communities of color. It would also free up funding for community organizations that

are already actively organizing around sustainable development and environmental justice issues in Chicago.

- » In Little Village, [Little Village Environmental Justice Organization](#) organizes around environmental justice issues such as fighting against Exchange 55—a dirty, polluting warehousing facility in Little Village, addressing barriers to water access in Chicagoland Latinx communities, and organizing in the aftermath of the [botched Hilco demolition](#).
- » The [Southeast Environmental Task Force](#) works in the Southeast side and south suburbs of Chicago, promoting environmental education, pollution prevention, and sustainable development.

⁵⁶ Gina Ramirez, “Prioritizing Environmental Justice in Chicago,” NRDC (NRDC, NRDC, November 1, 2019), <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/gina-ramirez/prioritizing-environmental-justice-chicago>.

SECTION 4: TALKING TO YOUR ALDERPERSON

INTRODUCTION

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THIS SECTION

Section 4 is intended to explain how to engage Alderpersons in defunding CPD. It explains the role of Alderpersons in the shaping the city budget, provides information on past voting records of current Alderpersons, includes talking points for meeting with your Alderperson, and gives instructions for how to set up a meeting with your Alderperson.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

- » Anyone interested in learning why and how to talk to their Alderperson about defunding CPD.
 - » Anyone who wants to learn more about their Alderperson's past voting records and positions.
 - » Those looking for how to set up a meeting with their Alderperson about defunding CPD.
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WHY TALK TO YOUR ALDERPERSON?

How Does Your Alderperson Shape Chicago's Budget?

Alderpersons are elected officials. As a constituent, you have a direct impact on how your alderperson informs policy. The budget is a moral document; what the city spends this money on shows what they care about. We have a say in this process. Alderpersons can determine how city departments spend their money, write public safety ordinances (like the Civilian Office of Police Accountability [COPA] ordinance),⁵⁷ and decide if we build more affordable housing. Alderpersons must approve the Mayor's proposed 2021 budget plan by December 31, 2020. We want to take back the budget, and need the support of our allies in city council to do it.⁵⁸

City council is made of 50 alderpersons, one to represent each ward. There are 19 committees, whose members and chairs are appointed by the Mayor. These appointments are based on an alderperson's special interests, skills, and relationship to the Mayor (ex: if they supported the Mayor during the election). The Chairperson plays an important role, as they set the agenda for each meeting. Committees like Public Safety (Chris Taliaferro - Ward 29), Finance (Scott Waguespack - Ward 32), and Budget and Operations (Pat Dowell - Ward 3) are instrumental when it comes to defunding the police. In every committee, alderpersons propose Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions. See the graphic on the right for a visual explanation.

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⁵⁹ <https://www.the1stward.com/policy>

UNDERSTANDING CITY COUNCIL

50 Alderpersons
1 elected for each ward
4 year term

19 Committees
Alderpersons are
appointed to committees
and chairs by the Mayor

City Council Proposes Legislature:

Order: an order is legislation directed at a Department to complete a task.

Ordinance: a law that amends or adds to Municipal Code.

Resolution: Broad legislation that calls for an action or highlights something as a priority.

"Legislation is typically introduced at City Council, as an Ordinance (a law, typically amending or adding to the Municipal Code); an Order (addressed to a Department to complete a task); a Resolution (generally more broad, calling upon some type of action or priority). Each Ordinance, Order, or Resolution is referred to a Committee, where an Alderman will work with the Committee Chair and other Aldermen to ensure passage. This is also an opportunity for hearings on legislation, and public comment."⁵⁹

Bottom Line: Alderpersons are elected officials that have the power to approve our city's budget. These council members can join and chair committees that play important roles in deciding where funding goes.

WHY TALK TO YOUR ALDERPERSON?

Making Amendments to the Budget Ordinance

The budget itself is a 'proposed appropriations' ordinance, which alderpersons have the opportunity to make amendments to. The final vote on the budget is when alderpersons can approve or reject this ordinance.

The mayor needs 26 votes to approve the budget. Last year, 11 alderpersons rejected the budget proposal. These rejections were based on reasons including an inflated police budget, property-tax hike, and exclusionary new minimum wage.⁶⁰

Alderpersons who rejected the budget:

- » Daniel La Spata, 1st Ward
- » Anthony Beale, 9th Ward
- » Raymond Lopez, 15th Ward
- » Jeanette Taylor, 20th Ward
- » Michael Rodriguez, 22nd Ward
- » Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25th Ward
- » Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez, 33rd Ward
- » Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th Ward
- » Andres Vasquez, Jr., 40th Ward
- » Matthew Martin, 47th Ward
- » Maria Hadden, 49th Ward

FIND YOUR ALDERPERSON

Do You Know Who Your Alderperson Is?

YOU CAN FIND OUT **ONLINE** OR BY PHONE.

ONLINE: Search your address on [chicago.gov](https://www.chicago.gov) to find out your ward, alderperson, their office address, and office phone number.

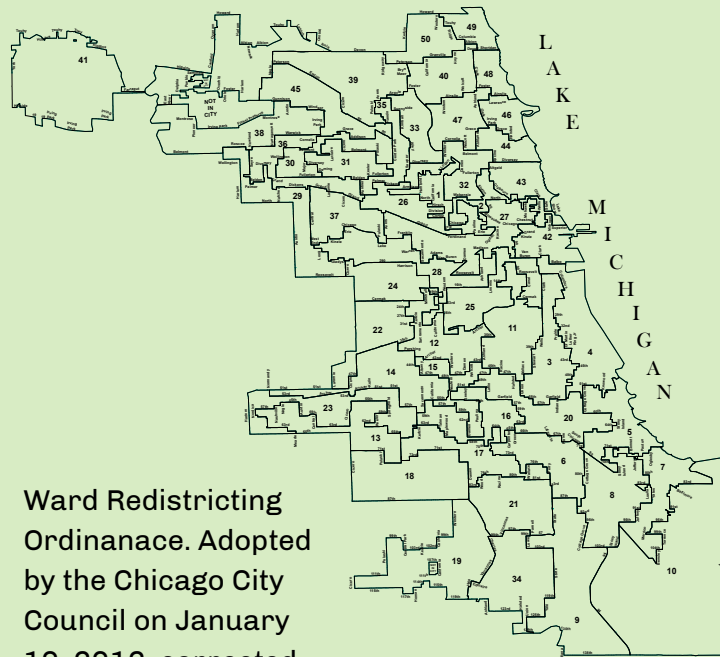
BY PHONE: Call 311

ALDERPERSON DEFUND FACT SHEETS

Read Defund CPD Research about Your Alderperson

We've done in-depth research on select alderpersons. Find your alderperson below:

ALDERPERSONS DEFUND FACT SHEETS



Ward Redistricting Ordinance. Adopted by the Chicago City Council on January 19, 2012, corrected September 12, 2012.⁶¹

⁶⁰ Vevea, Becky and Claudia Morell. "Despite Dissent, Lightfoot's 2020 Chicago Budget Wins Easy City Council Approval." WBEZ. November 26, 2019. <https://www.wbez.org/stories/despite-dissent-lightfoots-2020-chicago-budget-wins-easy-city-council-approval/3017d3c5-504e-4c35-90c3-285ddc60c382>

⁶¹ Ward Map of the City of Chicago. City of Chicago Board of Elections. October 12, 2012. <https://app.chicagoelections.com/documents/general/City%20Wide%20Ward%20Map%202012.pdf>

Bottom Line: Find out who your alderperson is and read more about their positions and record on policing.

Important Positions and Voting Records

Voting History of Alderpersons

HOW TO READ THE VOTING RECORDS:

If an alderperson sponsored CPAC, Cops out of CPS, or Treatment Not Trauma, this indicates they recognize the harm police cause, and a willingness to consider community-based alternatives to policing.

If an alderperson voted 'No' on the Lincoln Yards Tif, Mayoral Emergency Powers, and the 2020 Budget, this demonstrates a willingness to stand up Mayor Lightfoot's agenda- a pro-police agenda. If they voted 'Yes' on any of these, this indicates their agenda may not align with ours.

VOTING RECORDS					
Ward	Alderperson	2019 Vote on "Joint Public Safety Training Facility" aka Cop Academy ⁶²	Mayoral Emergency Powers ⁶³	Lincoln Yards TIF ⁶⁴	Voted For 2020 Budget ⁶⁵
<u>1</u>	Daniel La Spata	N/A	No	N/A	No
<u>2</u>	Brian Hopkins	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<u>3</u>	Pat Dowell	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<u>4</u>	Sophia King	Yes	No	No	Yes
<u>5</u>	Leslie Hairston	No	No	No	Yes
<u>6</u>	Roderick Sawyer	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<u>7</u>	Gregory Mitchell	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<u>8</u>	Michelle Harris	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>9</u>	Anthony Beale	Yes	No	Yes	No
<u>10</u>	Sue Garza	No	Yes	No	Yes
<u>11</u>	Patrick Thompson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>12</u>	George Cardenas	Not Voting	Yes	No	Yes
<u>13</u>	Marty Quinn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>14</u>	Ed Burke	Yes	No	Recused	Yes
<u>15</u>	Raymond Lopez	Yes	No	Yes	No
<u>16</u>	Stephanie Coleman	N/A	No	N/A	Yes
<u>17</u>	David Moore	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<u>18</u>	Derrick Curtis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>19</u>	Matthew O'Shea	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<u>20</u>	Jeanette Taylor	N/A	No	N/A	No
<u>21</u>	Howard Brookins Jr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Voting records continued on next page					

⁶² n.d. "Office of the City Clerk - Action Details." Office of the City Clerk - File: SO2019-1154. Accessed November 1, 2020. <https://chicago.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3844855&GUID=4A0BC67E-BA07-47F3-95FE-E280F0D5C534&Options=Advanced&Search=>.

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Important Positions and Voting Records

VOTING RECORDS					
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<u>22</u>	Michael Rodriguez	N/A	No	N/A	No
<u>23</u>	Silvana Tabares	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>24</u>	Michael Scott Jr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>25</u>	Byron Sigcho-Lopez	N/A	No	N/A	No
<u>26</u>	Roberto Maldonado	No	No	Absent	Yes
<u>27</u>	Walter Burnett Jr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>28</u>	Jason Ervin	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<u>29</u>	Chris Taliaferro	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>30</u>	Ariel Reboyras	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>31</u>	Felix Cardona, Jr	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
<u>32</u>	Scott Waguespack	No	Yes	No	Yes
<u>33</u>	Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez	N/A	No	N/A	No
<u>34</u>	Carrie Austin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>35</u>	Carlos Ramirez-Rosa	No	No	No	No
<u>36</u>	Gilbert Villegas	Recused	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>37</u>	Emma Mitts	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes
<u>38</u>	Nicholas Sposato	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>39</u>	Samantha Nugent	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
<u>40</u>	Andre Vasquez, Jr	N/A	No	N/A	No
<u>41</u>	Anthony Napolitano	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<u>42</u>	Brendan Reilly	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<u>43</u>	Michele Smith	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<u>44</u>	Thomas Tunney	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>45</u>	James Gardiner	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
<u>46</u>	James Cappleman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>47</u>	Matt Martin	N/A	No	N/A	No
<u>48</u>	Harry Osterman	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<u>49</u>	Maria Hadden	N/A	Yes	N/A	No
<u>50</u>	Debra Silverstein	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

⁶² n.d. "Office of the City Clerk - Action Details." Office of the City Clerk - File: SO2019-1154. Accessed November 1, 2020. <https://chicago.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3844855&GUID=4A0BC67E-BA07-47F3-95FE-E280F0D5C534&Options=Advanced&Search=>.

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Important Positions and Voting Records

ALDERPERSON COMMITTEE AND CAUCUS INVOLVEMENT					
Ward	Aldersperson	Committees	Progressive Caucus	Black Caucus	Latinx Caucus
3	Pat Dowell	Budget and Government Operations (Chair) , Finance		Yes	
4	Sophia King	Budget and Government Operations, Finance	Yes	Yes	
5	Leslie Hairston	Budget and Government Operations, Finance (Vice Chair)	Yes	Yes	
6	Roderick Sawyer	Budget and Government Operations, Health and Human Relations (Chair) , Finance	Yes	Yes	
8	Michelle Harris	Committees and Rules (Chair) , Budget and Government Operations, Health and Human Relations, Finance		Yes	
9	Anthony Beale	Finance		Yes	
12	George Cardenas	Budget and Government Operations, Finance			Yes
24	Michael Scott Jr	Budget and Government Operations, Finance		Yes	
27	Walter Burnett Jr	Budget and Government Operations, Finance		Yes	
28	Jason Ervin	Budget and Government Operations, Finance		Yes	
29	Chris Taliaferro	Budget and Government Operations, Finance, Public Safety (Chair)	Yes	Yes	
32	Scott Waguespack	Budget and Government Operations, Health and Human Relations, Finance (Chair)	Yes		
46	James Cappleman	Budget and Government Operations, Health and Human Relations (Vice Chair)			
47	Matt Martin	Ethics and Government Oversight (Vice Chair) , Health and Human Relations	Yes	Yes	
50	Debra Silverstein	Budget and Government Operations (Vice Chair) , Finance			

ORDER AND ORDINANCE SPONSORS

TREATMENT NOT TRAUMA⁶⁶

Order Sponsors:

Rodriguez Sanchez (33)
La Spata (1) Taylor (20)
Sigcho-Lopez (25)
Ramirez-Rosa (35)
Vasquez, Jr. (40) Martin (47) Hadden (49)
Rodriguez (22)

CPAC⁶⁷

Ordinance Sponsors:

Hairston (5), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Taylor (20), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Maldonado (26), La Spata (1), Rodriguez Sanchez (33), Hadden (49), Mitts (37), Cardona, Jr. (31), Sadlowski Garza (10), Vasquez, Jr. (40), Rodriguez (22), Martin (47), Brookins (21), Coleman (16), Lopez (15), Harris (8), Beale (9)

COPS OUT OF CPS⁶⁸

Ordinance Sponsors:

Sawyer (6), Taylor (20), Ramirez-Rosa (35), La Spata (1), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Rodriguez Sanchez (33), Vasquez Jr. (40), Martin (47), Hadden (49), Rodriguez (22), Hairston (5), Sadlowski Garza (10), Cardenas (12), Maldonado (26)

⁶⁶ n.d. Office of the City Clerk - File: O2019-8058. Accessed November 1, 2020. <https://chicago.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4634468&GUID=14EFE224-617C-408B-A24E-C5D734EF96AA&Options=Advanced&Search=>.

⁶⁷ n.d. Office of the City Clerk - File: O2020-3331. Accessed November 1, 2020. <https://chicago.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4169358&GUID=D06677DA-F7F0-4036-B525-F577D7A1E849&Options=Advanced&Search=>.

⁶⁸ n.d. Office of the City Clerk - File: O2019-4132. Accessed November 1, 2020. <https://tinyurl.com/y57w4vbu>.

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Talking to Your Alderperson Based on Their History

After we've done some homework on our alderperson, let's consider the facts: have they voted yes or no on pro-police measures, such as construction of the Cop Academy? Have they already taken a decisive stance on CPD out of CPS, or defunding the police? Based on these answers, there are different approaches you may want to take when talking to your alderperson.

BASICALLY, A 'NO'

If our Alderperson has consistently voted yes on pro police measures, criticized protests, demonstrated support of the police, and seconds the Mayor's opinions, it is unlikely they are ready to take a stance to defund the police. Nonetheless, we want to let these alderpersons know that folks who support defunding CPD exist in their wards, and that we're having these conversations within and beyond the area's boundary. **Some ideas for this conversation could involve:**

- » **Tell your alderperson where you stand and why.** Consider sharing a personal experience that highlights the need to redirect CPD's nearly \$2 billion funding to mental health services, accessible food and grocery stores, or childcare.
- » **Ask them what they would need in order to change their decision.** Challenge the assumption that defunding the police simply cannot be done. Record what is keeping an alderperson from joining the movement. Allegiance to the mayor? Public safety concerns? Respond by sharing some facts:
- » CPD has a low clearance rate, meaning few of the crimes reported are actually solved.

80-90% of sexual assault cases are not cleared in CPD.⁶⁹ In another report, CPD was found 'boosting' their homicide clearance rate by simply closing, with no arrests made, 58%⁷⁰ of cases. Do they really keep us safe?

- » Chicago is spending **\$82 million**⁷¹ a year of taxpayer's money on police misconduct settlements. In just February, city council voted to pay \$11.9 million⁷² to cover four of these cases. The family of Heriberto Godinez, who at 24 was killed in police custody, was awarded \$1.2 million. While the family deserves greater justice than this money can serve, why are Chicagoans footing the bill of police brutality?

'MAYBE?'

An alderperson who has taken opposing stances or has a conflicting voting record may be swayed to join the campaign. Is your alderperson in the Black or Latino caucus? These caucuses are supposed to address concerns specific to Black and brown folks, such as police brutality. Is your alderperson the chair of a key committee like Public Safety or Finance? They set the agenda in city council, which could give defunding legislation more opportunity for approval. **Here are some talking points to convince your alderperson to join the movement to Defund CPD:**

- » **What are the underfunded areas in your community?** Rather than make the conversation heavy on defunding, emphasize how we can redistribute the resources.

⁶⁹ Hickey, Megan. "Report Gives Chicago Police 'Beyond a Failing Grade' for Poor Clearance Rate of Sexual Assault Cases." CBS Chicago. October 8, 2020. <https://tinyurl.com/cbslocal-2020-10-08>

⁷⁰ Main, Frank. "Writing off more murder cases without arrests boosted CPD's big turnaround in homicide clearances." Chicago Sun-Times. February 7, 2020. <https://tinyurl.com/chicago-suntimes222>

⁷¹ Corley, Cheryl. "Police Settlements: How The Cost Of Misconduct Impacts Cities And Taxpayers." NPR. National Public Radio, September 19, 2020. <https://www.npr.org/2020/09/19/914170214/police-settlements-how-the-cost-of-misconduct-impacts-cities-and-taxpayers>.

⁷² Cherone, Heather. "Divided City Council Agrees to Pay \$11.9 million To Settle 4 Police Misconduct Cases." Block Club. February 20, 2020. <https://tinyurl.com/blockclubchicago-2020-2-20>

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For example, Chicagoans experience food insecurity, exacerbated by a lack of accessible grocery stores. An alderperson has the power to propose an Order to construct a number of new grocery stores in an area within the year. We currently spend \$4 million per day on the CPD—tell your alderperson you'd like to see that money used to build grocery stores.

- » Come with a list of neighbors, businesses, and prominent community members who support defunding CPD. You are not alone: this campaign has nearly 40,000 signatures on our petition to defund CPD by 75%.
- » **Is your alderperson the chairperson of a committee? Have they demonstrated a special interest?** They can bridge those interests with racial equity by prioritizing certain pieces of legislation on the committee agenda. For example, Ordinance O2020-3331 would end the contract between CPD and CPS, removing all police officers from public schools. We know that increased interactions between the police and Black and brown youth directly contributes to the school-to-prison pipeline. By supporting this ordinance, your alderperson has an opportunity to redirect that contract money to funding healthy school meals, tutoring programs, and restorative justice initiatives.

THEY'RE WITH US

If an alderperson has already stated that they support defunding CPD, it is important that we maintain this stance through collaboration and continued pressure. Thank them for their support and share why defunding CPD is important to you! **Ask your Alderperson to commit to an action plan. This could involve:**

- » **Vocalizing support of a direct action.** Mayor Lightfoot and her supporters have been persistently critical of protesters while justifying the police's violent responses.⁷³ We

need alderpersons in the building to amplify the work done by folks out on the streets.

- » **Coalition building with BIPOC-led organizations like Brave Space Alliance, GoodKids MadCity, Chi-Nations Youth Council, Assata's Daughters, and the Black Abolitionist Network.** Folks most affected by militarized, over policing are the experts of these experiences. It is important that alderpersons consult them.
- » **Proposing an amendment to the budget that defunds CPD and instead funds mental health services, child care, and job programs - things that actually keep us safe.** For example, Alderman Rodriguez-Sanchez introduced Treatment Not Trauma, an Order that would create a 24 hour city-wide care and crisis response system.⁷⁴ Mayor Lightfoot's proposed 2021 budget includes the co-responder model, which dispatches social workers and armed police officers to a scene. Treatment Not Trauma offers a safer alternative, dispatching unarmed mental health professionals who will be sent to a scene of distress to provide deescalation and care. We know that folks experiencing mental illness are 16 times more likely to be killed during interactions with law enforcement.⁷⁵ Earlier this year, Chicagoans felt the impact of this statistic when Daniel Prude was killed by police who were called to the scene as he was experiencing a mental health crisis.⁷⁶ By supporting this order, your alderperson can reduce the risk of this happening in Chicago.

⁷³ Associated Press. "Mayor defends Chicago police after clash with protesters." AP News. August 16, 2020. <https://apnews.com/article/chicago-police-brutality-arrests-lori-lightfoot-u-s-news-4cd1fa74310c5cc815ffb2a10a9dc02b>

⁷⁴ Lee, Michael. "Crisis response team- without cops- would be sent to mental health emergencies under proposal." Chicago Sun-Times. September 29, 2020. <https://tinyurl.com/suntimes-9-29>

⁷⁵ Fuller, Doris A. e. al., Overlooked in the Undercounted: The Role of Mental Illness in Fatal Law Enforcement Encounters (Arlington, VA, Treatment Advocacy Center, 2015), 1. <https://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/storage/documents/overlooked-in-the-undercounted.pdf>

⁷⁶ Associated Press. "Family Remembers Daniel Prude, Black Man From Chicago Killed By Police in Rochester." NBC Chicago. September 3, 2020. <https://tinyurl.com/nbc-prude>

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A MARATHON, NOT A RACE

While these conversations are essential to the progress of the campaign, this is only one step to defunding CPD. You only have so much time with an alderperson, so it is strategic to approach with quality over quantity. Reference a few key pieces of

legislation, budget numbers, and facts that you are confident in sharing. While some alders have been dismissive of Chicagoans' demands, we want to try our best to lead with respect and humanity. This level of engagement demonstrates our investment in keeping our communities safe, without the police.

How to set up a meeting with your alderperson

Steps to Talk to Your Alderperson

Some alderpersons have an "open door" policy when it comes to scheduling meetings. This could mean having a "ward night"⁷⁷ where the alderperson is available for phone calls to schedule meetings. Check your alderperson's website to find out. Not all alderpersons have similar policies; keep in mind these meetings will likely be virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

When contacting your ward's office, use whichever method that is most comfortable for you (phone or email). If you don't get a response in 3 days, try the method of communication you did not use on your first attempt.

You may find it easier to go into this meeting with someone else. Feel free to ask someone, like a friend or a neighbor, to attend this meeting with you.

You can find the phone number and email of your alderperson on [chicago.gov](https://www.chicago.gov). If their phone and/or email is missing, you may be able to find it on the [Office of the City Clerk website](https://www.cityofchicago.org/office-of-the-city-clerk).

Be sure to make use of the talking points outlined on what to discuss with your alderperson. Additional data on the budget and where we can best use this money instead are found in sections I-III.

⁷⁷ n.d. 25th Ward. Accessed November 1, 2020. <https://www.25thward.org/>

Pledge and Feedback

We Invite You to Pledge to Speak to Your Alderperson! and Give Us Feedback!

TAKE THE PLEDGE

We invite you to fill out the form at [this link](#) and pledge the following: ***I pledge to speak directly with my alderperson by the end of the month.***

GIVE FEEDBACK

Let us know how it went! Thank you for deciding to meet with your alderperson! After you meet with them, please follow this [feedback form link](#) to fill out a short form about your meeting.



SECTION 5: THE FOP & CONSENT DECREE

INTRODUCTION

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THIS SECTION

Section 5 is intended to debunk the practice of excessive overtime spending justifying the hiring of more police, explain the barriers that the FOP pose to Defunding CPD, and explain the findings of the DOJ Investigation and the Consent Decree.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

- » Anyone interested in learning about structural obstacles we face on the way to Defunding CPD involving the FOP and the Consent Decree.
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Costs of Overtime

Costs of Overtime

The historically high cost of police overtime has been a way for CPD to argue they need to hire more cops as a way to drive down that cost. In 2012, CPD spent \$53 million on overtime, then used that number to justify hiring 400 more cops and increasing police presence in 20 “impact zones.”

⁷⁸ Pratt, Gregory, and Alice Yin. “Chicago Has Spent at Least \$222 Million in Overtime so Far in 2020, Already over Budget for the Year.” Chicago Tribune, October 6, 2020. www.chicagotribune.com/politics/ct-chicago-overtime-unrest-lightfoot-20201006-tjijh37anjdf5lilbpodk7blva-story.html.

In 2013, however, CPD spent 96 million on overtime, showing us that their hiring increase just created a larger pool of cops clocking more overtime, with more beat shifts in “impact zones.” As of October 6, 2020, Chicago had spent 99.7 million on police overtime.⁷⁸ 96 million was what was in the budget for 2020.⁷⁹

Overtime is used as a justification for the accumulation of resources.⁸⁰

⁷⁹ Office of Budget and Management, Current Employee Names, Salaries, and Position Titles § (2020). www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/obm.html.

⁸⁰ City of Chicago & Chicago Police Department. Payroll and Timekeeping-Overtime/Compensatory Time/Working Out of Grade. Employee Resource E02-02-02, April 24, 2020.

The FOP

The Fraternal Order of the Police

After the City Council Office of Financial Analysis offered a path to cutting \$55 million from the police department, the City cited contractual obligations as a reason that the City of Chicago wouldn't be able to make those cuts in this budget cycle. The contractual obligations are around tuition reimbursements and uniform allowances, but these things are a part of a labor agreement⁸¹ between the City of Chicago and Lodge 7, the Chicago chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP or police union).

Lodge 7 represents all sworn police officers below the rank of sergeant. Because they have not been able to come to an agreement, the Chicago FOP and the Mayor have been in negotiations for their next contract since 2017. As the two parties come closer to reaching an impasse, the city still has an opportunity to push for budget restrictions in the next FOP contract. In the meantime, Lodge 7 is still

operating under its 2012-2017 contract.⁸² Contract negotiations include officer pay and reforms to methods of policing, in addition to things like tuition reimbursement and uniform allowance. But there is nothing in the contract that prevents the City from adjusting or reallocating police department funds. The City, as the employer of the Department of Police, has the right to manage its affairs “in each and every respect.”

The City also has the power to lay off police officers. Despite the demands from communities that city workers should not be laid off, police officers should be considered fair game since they are not workers in the same way other working class people are. Mayor Lightfoot has pushed back on this option as well, saying that these layoffs would target young officers of color. That is not convincing enough considering police officers of all ages and races uphold a system of violence and oppression

⁸¹ Cherone, Heather. “Here's How to Cut \$55M from the \$1.7B Chicago Police Budget: Office of Financial Analysis”. WTTW. September 17, 2020. <https://news.wttw.com/2020/09/17/here-s-how-cut-55m-17b-chicago-police-budget-office-financial-analysis>.

⁸² Gorner, Jeremy. “City Hall, police union's new leadership at odds in contract negotiations”. Chicago Tribune. September 16, 2020. <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/criminal-justice/ct-chicago-police-contract-dispute-letter-20200916-y6c2jzae5jeybhd25vqcudvb4q-story.html>.

The FOP

in their role as a police officer.

In the background of these negotiations has been a U.S. Department of Justice investigation into the Chicago Police Department following the murder of Laquan McDonald. The U.S. DOJ investigation

led to a federally administered consent decree with just under 100 recommendations and reforms that CPD needed to make. The Chicago FOP has been vocally and visibly against the police department implementing these reforms. Through the examples

The Department of Justice Investigation & Consent Decree

The Department of Justice Investigation & Consent Decree

In December of 2015, the Department of Justice launched an investigation into the Chicago Police Department in order to assess CPD policies, training, and accountability after the abhorrent murder of Laquan McDonald. The year-long investigation concluded that the Chicago Police Department “engages in a pattern or practice of unconstitutional use of force” and that it has “deficient accountability systems” that allow for these practices to continue.

The 160-page document highlights numerous examples where the Chicago Police Department has been found to unconstitutionally police Chicago residents. It found that officers continually make decisions that increase the risk of deadly encounters. Even when an officer uses deadly force, inadequate investigation processes, as well as protections from the FOP’s collective bargaining agreement, often allow officers to evade accountability.

Our underserved communities with higher crime rates are unjustly and harshly policed, and the police recognize that their behavior will often go unreported. For the victims of unconstitutional force who decide to report officers, justice is infrequently served as the FOP contract requires that the victim complete a sworn affidavit. According to the DOJ investigation, between 40-60% of all CPD complaints are closed because the victim does not sign a sworn affidavit.⁸³

Due to this report, the federal government has created a court order, a consent decree, to ensure that there are reforms in place in order to ensure the CPD is safely and constitutionally policing the City of Chicago.

The consent decree went into effect last year in January of 2019 and in its first year, CPD failed to meet 70% of its deadlines.⁸⁴ The consent decree has also been brought into question this summer, as the independent monitor of the court order sought to learn about the unconstitutional policing of protestors with unreasonable use of tear gas, batons, and physical force. The consent decree will be in effect until the City and the police department can implement the reforms set in place.

The Consent Decree mandates the Chicago Police Department make changes or improvements in regards to Community Policing, Impartial Policing, Crisis Intervention, Use of Force, and Training for officers, among other things. Just as important as what the changes will be is how much the changes will cost. So far, \$25 million has been allocated toward the reform efforts.⁸⁵

The DOJ Investigation demonstrates that the City should not be allocating nearly 40% of its corporate budget to an organization that has

⁸⁴ Bremer, Shelby. “Chicago Police Missed More Than 70% of Deadlines in First Year of Consent Decree.” NBC Chicago, June 19, 2020. <https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/chicago-politics/chicago-police-missed-more-than-70-of-deadlines-in-first-year-of-consent-decree-report-says/2292222/>.

⁸⁵ “Consent Decree.” City of Chicago Public Safety Reform. Accessed October 2020. <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/police-reform/home/consent-decree.html>.

⁸³ Investigation of the Chicago Police Department. Washington, D.C.: Department of Justice, 2017.

The Department of Justice Investigation & Consent Decree

proved it is unable to constitutionally police its residents, but achieving compliance with this consent decree's reforms will cost even more money.

In a statement this past June, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul made the case (perhaps accidentally) against the reformist reforms embedded in the DOJ's consent decree:

“The obstacle to implementation has never been the consent decree; rather, it has been the Chicago Police Department’s failure to prioritize the consent decree by committing sufficient resources to implement the court-ordered reforms. The city and the Chicago Police Department must finally take meaningful steps to implement the consent decree with the sense of urgency this moment in time demands. As tens of thousands of Chicagoans raise their voices to mourn and cry out for change, the city’s leadership owes them no less.”⁸⁶

As Raoul points out, CPD and the city have failed to commit their resources towards implementing court-ordered reforms-- so why should we ever trust them to do so? And even if CPD did meet its deadlines and achieve compliance with this consent decree, its expensive reforms would only serve to expand and entrench a system built to control, harm, and repress people. The consent decree's reforms dangerously legitimize policing as a solution to social, economic and political problems, when in reality, policing perpetuates such problems. In order to address the root causes of the harm that the consent decree seeks to remedy, we must not only fund social services in our most underserved communities, but we must also defund the Chicago Police Department.

⁸⁶ “Attorney General Raoul Issues Statement Regarding Chicago Police Consent Decree,” June 5, 2020. Illinois Attorney General. <http://chicagopoliceconsentdecree.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/CPD-consent-decree-statement-6.5.20.pdf>.

CLOSING

We hope that you use this toolkit to get the information you need to #TakeBackTheBudget to #DefundCPD. To move towards a life-affirming society, we must redirect City funding from systems that harm us to systems that meet our communities' needs. A world without policing and carcerality is possible, and we're on the path to it. Every conversation, every training, every interaction is us building the foundation of this new world together. Use this document and share it with others! It is meant to provide tools and knowledge to any and all of us invested in keeping each other safe.



Sign on the #DefundCPD demands [here](#)!

Take the **pledge** to talk to your alderperson and then let us know how it goes [here](#).

APPENDIX LINKS

CITY COUNCIL

- A** [DEFUND ALDERPERSON FACT SHEETS - 1 PAGERS](#)
- B** [CHICAGO LEGISTAR](#)

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

CHICAGO SPECIFIC

- C** [FIRST DEFENSE LEGAL AID](#)
 - NOT SPECIFIC TO PROTEST BUT KNOW YOUR RIGHTS FOR WHEN YOU ARE ARRESTED
 - CAN REQUEST A TRAINING OR PAMPHLETS FOR YOUR GROUP
 - [KNOW YOUR RIGHTS MANUAL](#)
- D** [BLM CHICAGO](#)
- E** [NLG CHICAGO - FAQ FOR ARRESTED ACTIVISTS](#)

LINKS TO OTHER DOCS & KNOW YOUR RIGHTS DOCS

- F** [NLG CHICAGO - KNOW YOUR RIGHTS](#)
- G** [ACLU - KNOW YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST](#)
- H** [NAACP- KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AT A PROTEST](#)
- I** [NYC PROTEST MATERIAL THAT WAS ADAPTED FOR IL](#)

Pat Dowell (3rd Ward)



Where is the 3rd Ward?

Who is Pat Dowell?



Pat Dowell was elected in 2007. Dowell is the chair of the Committee on Budget and Government Operations, as well as chair on the Joint Committees on Budget and Government Operations; Ethics and

Government Oversight; Public Safety and Budget and Government Operations; Public Safety. Dowell is also a member of the Black Caucus.¹

Ald. Dowell serves on the following city council committees:

- Aviation
- Budget and Government Operations
- Committees and Rules
- Contracting Oversight and Equity
- Environmental Protection and Energy
- Ethics and Government Oversight
- Finance
- Housing and Real Estate
- Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards

[Click here to learn more about Ald. Pat Dowell's committee assignments.](#)

What's their current position on defunding Chicago police?

Ald. Dowell's position on defunding the police is **UNKNOWN**.

¹Office of the City Clerk - Pat Dowell, City of Chicago
Legistar
<https://chicago.legistar.com/PersonDetail.aspx?ID=609496&GUID=EECABA2B-D3DD-458C-A7DA-EEE315E4BCBD&Search=>.

She has been supportive of increased police presence in south side neighborhoods.²

During an interview with Fox 32 News, Dowell stated that she wanted to see an increased presence of National Guard in her neighborhoods "just to secure our grocery stores, our pharmacies, places that are not able to sustain the type of mayhem we saw yesterday...we could have used the help of the National Guard like they did in the 1968 riots in terms of securing locations."³[Watch the full interview here.](#)

Ward Priorities?

- During her city council campaign for the 2019 election, Pat Dowell said that her vision for the office was the "development of diverse housing options from affordable to market rate, the implementation of strategies to reduce and eliminate crime, and strengthening our efforts to promote small business development and job

²Proctor, Clare, "CPD adds 81 officers to police force,"
Chicago Sun-Times (Chicago, IL), Aug. 24, 2020, <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2020/8/24/21399046/chicago-police-department-new-recruits-police-training-reform>
³Alderman discusses ongoing unrest in Chicago and,
Fox 32 News (Chicago, IL), posted June 1, 2020, <https://www.fox32chicago.com/video/690094>

creation..."⁴

- Ald. Dowell considers public safety to be one of the "most pressing issues" facing ward residents. Her approach to public safety in the ward includes: increased police officers in the ward, regular public safety town halls and meetings with district commanders, installation of surveillance technologies (like ShotSpotter). Dowell co-sponsored the "Summer Safety Initiative" with Ald. King "I have helped address this issue by working closely and meeting consistently with the four police district commanders that make up my ward to discuss policing strategies and areas of concern. My office has advocated and received increased police personnel in multiple districts throughout the ward, regularly host Town hall public safety meetings and attend all CAPS meeting... worked to get ShotSpotter installed to help reduce gun violence."⁵

⁴Pat Dowell, "WTTW News Special Edition 2019

Chicago Voters' Guide, n.d. <https://news.wttw.com/elections/voters-guide/2019/candidates/chicago-city-council/pat-dowell>

⁵Pat Dowell, "WTTW News Special Edition 2019

Chicago Voters' Guide, n.d. <https://news.wttw.com/elections/voters-guide/2019/candidates/chicago-city-council/pat-dowell>

Who Supports Ald. Dowell?⁶

Top Illinois and Chicago Campaign Donors:

SEIU Illinois Council PAC and Fund	\$432,598.13	Jan 2007 - Feb 2015
Chicago Federation of Labor and IUC	\$56,227.20	Jan 2007 - Feb 2008
AFSCME Illinois Council No. 31 PAC	\$40,250	Feb 2007 - Feb 2019
JB For Governor + JB for Governor Exploration Committee	\$32,500	Jan 2018 - Dec 2018
Local 880 PAC<?>	\$26,619.76	Apr 2007
Richard Dennis	\$20,000	Jan 2007 - Mar 2007
737 N Michigan Ave, Ste 1230 (60611)<?>	\$17,990.13	Dec 2015 - Jun 2016
Chicago for Rahm Emanuel	\$13,530	Mar 2015 - Apr 2015
McBrearty Construction Inc	\$13,500	Dec 17 - Dec 2019
LiUNA Chicago Area Laborers' Political League	\$13,000	Dec 2015 - Feb 2020
Ujamaa Construction Inc	\$13,000	Feb 2009 - Aug 2018
S Loop Chicago Development	\$11,500	Jan 2016 - Dec 2016
Windy City RE LLC<?>	\$10,000	Dec 2017
Friends of Michael Madigan	\$10,000	Nov 2016

Top 3rd ward campaign donors:

Self-funded	\$32,676.12	Jul 2002 - Aug 2008
Louis & Wanda Martin	\$26,900	Jul 2002 - Dec 2015
Fred L Bonner; Fred L Bonner Living Trust	\$12,800	Dec 2009 - Dec 2019
Kandice Enterprises Inc	\$11,750	Aug 2007 - Dec 2013
Russland Capital Group-05/15 S Loop LLC<?>	\$11,000	Dec 2015 - Dec 2019
Greater Illinois Title Company	\$10,250	Jan 2008 - Dec 2017
Brown & Momen, Inc	\$5,500	Oct 2016 - Dec 2018
Ultimate Gas & Mini Mart, Inc; BP Gas Station	\$5,500	Dec 2015 - Dec 2018
Chicago Home of Chicken and Waffles	\$5,000	Mar 2018
Peoples Co-Op for Affordable Elderly Housing	\$4,500	Jul 2015 - Dec 2018
Lakefront Citgo	\$4,500	Dec 2015 - Jul 2018

Who are the organizations that are working in (or with ties to) the 3rd ward?

- First Church of Deliverance (provides food pantry)
- National Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression

Who supports defunding police in the 3rd Ward?

- National Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression
- While we cannot know for sure if the school community of Philips Academy High School supports defunding CPD, Phillips Academy has ultimately decided to **REMOVE police** (also known as school resource officers or SROs) from their school site.⁷

⁶Contributions Search - By Candidates," Illinois State Board of Elections, <https://www.elections.il.gov/CampaignDisclosure/ContributionSearchByCandidates.aspx?ddlCanElectType=8PjgSoJE45NgyfuAcbjVFDdB6VrzL1Mp&ddlDistrictType=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddlDistrict=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddlOffice=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddlCanParty=8PjgSoJE45PDio8H2itzDbioeL2xgn0f&txtCanLastName=ifpw3srle29EEwQz2oIOGA%3d%3d&ddlCanLastNameSearchType=6FDFP1A6LUwyXGMe4NINWHP6U%2bUDyfXx&ddlVendorState=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddlContributionType=8PjgSoJE45NgyfuAcbjVFDdB6VrzL1Mp&ddlState=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddlFiledDate=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddlFiledDateThru=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&T=637400140649619200>

⁷This was decided by a school community poll rather than LSC vote. Dey, Sneha, "Here's How Chicago High Schools Voted on School Police," *Block Club Chicago* (Chicago, IL), Aug 17, 2020, <https://blockclubchicago.org/2020/08/17/heres-how-chicago-high-schools-voted-on-school-police/>; Karp, Sarah, "Vote Leaves Black Students Far More Likely to Have Police in School than Other Teens," *WBEZ* (Chicago, IL), Aug 17, 2020, <https://www.wbez.org/stories/vote-leaves-black-students-far-more-likely-to-have-police-in-school-than-other-teens>

Sophia King (4th Ward)

Where is the 4th Ward?

Bronzeville, South Loop, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Oakland, Douglas

Who is Sophia King?



Ald. Sophia King was appointed by Rahm Emanuel in 2016 and elected as the alderperson of the 4th ward in a special election 2017. She is in the Progressive and Black Caucuses of the city council—chairing the Progressive Caucus since June 2020⁸. Ald. King is the vice chair of the Committee on Education and Child Development and the Joint Committee on Budget & Child Development and also serves on the following city council committees:⁹

- Budget and Government Operations
- Committees and Rules
- Contracting Oversight and Equity
- **Education and Child Development**
- Finance
- Housing and Real Estate
- Pedestrian and Traffic Safety
- Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation
- Transportation and Public Way



[Click here to learn more about Ald. King's committee assignments.](#)

What is her current position on defunding Chicago police?

Position: UNKNOWN

King seems supportive of a reduction in the overall CPD budget; however, she has not clarified her position.¹⁰ Below, King is reacting to 2021 budget address by Lori Lightfoot:

[Source](#)

[Source](#)

Ward Priorities?

[likely-to-have-police-in-school-than-other-teens/2cead960-176d-49e5-8db0-efb1147db39d](#)

⁸Herald staff report, "King made Chair of City Council's Progressive Caucus," *Hyde Park Herald* (Chicago, IL), Jun 15, 2020, <https://www.hpherald.com/news/king-made>

⁹Office of the City Clerk - Sophia King," City of Chicago Legistar, <https://chicago.legistar.com/PersonDetail.aspx?ID=167474&GUID=9F0C0CDE-8C1F-4D72-8EA2-84D90275B3DB&Search=>

84D90275B3DB&Search=

¹⁰Gettinger, Aaron, "Mayor Proposes Budget: King, undecided, Hairston says there's work to do, Taylor opposes,"

Hyde Park Herald (Chicago, IL), Oct. 21, 2020, <https://www.hpherald.com/news/politics/mayor>. See also the Chicago

Progressive Caucus response to the 2021 budget: Chicago

Progressive Caucus, "What Chicagoans need from the 2021

budget," *Chicago Sun-Times* (Chicago, IL), Oct 22, 2020,

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2020/10/22/21527357/>

[chicago-municipal-budget-2021-city-council-progressive-caucus-lori-lightfoot](#)

caucus-lori-lightfoot



In her "Candidate Q&A" with *WTTW News*, Ald. King stated that the most pressing issues in the 4th ward are **"jobs, good neighborhood schools and public safety."** King continued to state that "[m]ental health, how we engage and care for our youth and elders are also important to a strong ecosystem. We need to make sure that we continue to bring jobs and economic development to under-resourced communities. And we must continue to find opportunities to hire and train our most vulnerable populations. I am mindful of local hiring as development comes into the community. I am also committed to true parity and opportunity in contracting and senior level positions."¹¹

Ald. King has been vocal

¹¹"Sophia King," *WTTW News Special Edition 2019*

Chicago Voters' Guide, n.d. <https://news.wttw.com/elections/voters-guide/2019/candidates/chicago-city-council/sophia-king>

<https://news.wttw.com/elections/voters-guide/2019/candidates/chicago-city-council/sophia-king>

council/sophia-king

about the need to address racial inequity in the city. At a march and demonstration led by southside faith-based leaders and organizations on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, Ald. Sophia King stated that people "protested through a pandemic 'because there is a bigger virus than this pandemic: racism. We have said to ourselves that we will risk our health and our lives because we know in the long run this bigger virus needs to be put out.'"¹²

Quoted on Aug 19th by SEIU at a rally to stop the closure of Mercy Hospital saying, similarly, there is a "larger virus than COVID...racism."¹³

Where is the 6th Ward?

¹²Gettinger, Aaron, "Thousands march through

Bronzeville for Black lives, police reform," *Hyde Park Herald*

(Chicago, IL), June 3, 2020 (upd July 8, 2020), https://www.hpherald.com/news/local/thousands-march-through-bronzeville-for-black-lives-police-reform/article_b916e586-a5a5-11ea-9f45-43162f188f3b.html

https://www.hpherald.com/news/local/thousands-march-through-bronzeville-for-black-lives-police-reform/article_b916e586-a5a5-11ea-9f45-43162f188f3b.html

https://www.hpherald.com/news/local/thousands-march-through-bronzeville-for-black-lives-police-reform/article_b916e586-a5a5-11ea-9f45-43162f188f3b.html

https://www.hpherald.com/news/local/thousands-march-through-bronzeville-for-black-lives-police-reform/article_b916e586-a5a5-11ea-9f45-43162f188f3b.html

¹³SEIU HCIMK, Aug. 19, 2020, <https://twitter.com/SEIUhcimk/status/1296116278302846979?s=20>

SEIUhcimk/status/1296116278302846979?s=20.

Who Supports Alderpersion King?¹

Top Illinois and Chicago Campaign Donors:

SEIU Illinois Council PAC Fund	\$23,093.20	Jan 2017 - Dec 2019
27th Ward Regular Democratic Organization<?>	\$10,000	Mar 2017
Chicagoland Operators Joint Labor Management PAC	\$10,000	Dec 2017 - Feb 2019
LiUNA Chicago Laborers' District Council PAC	\$7,500	Dec 2018 - Feb 2019
42nd Ward Democratic Organization	\$7,072.50	Mar 2017
SEIU Healthcare IL IN PAC	\$7,000	Dec 2018 - Dec 2019
Friends of Walter Burnett Jr.	\$6,000	Oct 2016 - Mar 2017
SMART Hotels/Olympia Chicago LLC<?>	\$6,000	Feb 2017 - Jul 2019
Jimmy Akintonde + Ujamaa Construction, Inc<?>	\$5,500	June 2016 - Dec 2019
Citizens for Pat Dowell	\$5,000	Dec 2016
Scott Goodman<?>	\$4,500	Aug 2017 - Feb 2019

Top Local 4th Ward donors:

IBEW Local Union 134	\$15,500	Oct 2016 - Jun 2019
Dontrey Britt-Hart and Brett Hart	\$13,300	Mar 2016 - Feb 2019
Primus Orthopedics + Tonya and Gregory Primus<?>	\$10,000	Mar 2016 - Dec 2019
David and Marilyn Vitale	\$8,500	Jul 2016 - Dec 2018
Ernest Brown + Brown & Momen, Inc<?>	\$8,000	Jul 2016 - Oct 2020
Louis and Diane Carr	\$8,000	Mar 2016 - Dec 2019
Eleven City Diner LLC	\$6,500	Dec 2016 - Nov 2018
Deborah Telman<?>	\$6,408.10	Mar 2016 - Feb 2019
Kates Detective & Security Inc.<?>	\$6,000	Dec 2016 - Mar 2019
Friends of Kwame Raoul	\$5,846.13	Jun 2016
Self-funded	\$5,505	Mar 2016 - Mar 2019
Ron Gatton and Leslie (Pilot) Gatton	\$5,500	Jun 2017 - Jun 2019
Leslie Madara	\$5,500	Apr 2016 - Jul 2020
Benjamin King	\$5,400	Mar 2016
Laura King	\$5,400	Mar 2016
Wilbur Milhouse (CEO) + Milhouse Engineering and Construction	\$5,250	Jan 2017 - Dec 2019

Who are the organizations that are working in (or with ties to) the 4th ward?

- STOP – Southside Together Organizing for Power¹
- Brave Space Alliance
- Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO)
- Chicago Freedom School
- American Friends Service Committee -- Chicago
- Grassroots Collaborative

Who supports defunding the police in the 4th Ward?

- AFSC -- Chicago
- Care Not Cops – University of Chicago students calling to defund, disarm, and disband UCPD (University of Chicago Police Department)
- Grassroots Collaborative
- Tenants United Hyde Park Woodlawn²

All 4th ward high school LSCs voted to keep SROs except Dyett which doesn't have an active LSC and Dunbar did not have quorum.³

¹STOP is a part of the #PoliceFreeSchools Coalition, <https://grassrootscollaborative.salsalabs.org/policefreeschools2020/index.html>.

²"#DefundCPD Endorsements," <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IEFwktx5FWCdV4dZ6KJOKTgs5f4DreC8ikgYYfbmS24/edit>.

³Serrato, Jacqueline, "How South Side High Schools Voted to Keep or Remove Cops," *South Side Weekly*, Aug 19, 2020

<https://southsideweekly.com/south-side-high-schools-voted-keep-remove-cops/>. Ald. King has argued that schools have been forced to choose between keeping SROs or having no resources at all: Gettinger, Aaron, Local alderman critical of police in schools at subject matter hearing," *Hyde Park Herald*, Jul 2, 2020, https://www.hpherald.com/news/politics/local-aldermen-critical-of-police-in-schools-at-subject-matter-hearing/article_ab9bf630-bc75-11ea-9266-0b70a5d8d6b2.html

Roderick Sawyer (6th Ward)



Chatham, Chesterfield, Englewood, Greater Grand Crossing, Park Manor, Auburn-Gresham

Who is Roderick Sawyer?

Former lawyer at the Law Office of Roderick T. Sawyer, specializing in licensing issues.¹⁴ Sawyer is on the council's Black and Progressive caucuses. He has also been the Democratic Committeeman of the 6th Ward since 2012.

Sawyer is currently a member of the following city council committees:¹⁵

- Budget and Government

¹⁴"Bio—Alderman Roderick T Sawyer," 6ward.com,

<http://6ward.com/index.php/bio/>.

¹⁵"Office of the City Clerk – Roderick Sawyer,"

City of Chicago Legistar, <https://chicago.legistar.com/>



Operations

- Committees and Rules
- Economic Capital and Technology Development
- Finance
- Health and Human Relations
- License and Consumer Protection
- Public Safety
- Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards

Sawyer is the chair of the Committee on Health and Human Relations and the Joint Committee on Health and Human Relations & Workforce Development. [Click here to learn more about Ald. Sawyer's committee assignments.](#)

[PersonDetail.aspx?ID=64184&GUID=875783E9-DC70-](https://chicago.legistar.com/PersonDetail.aspx?ID=64184&GUID=875783E9-DC70-42DC-89DC-B97825056D37&Search=..)

[42DC-89DC-B97825056D37&Search=.](https://chicago.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4571740&GUID=453897C1-71C3-4CA6-877D-4F97580AABF5&Options=&Search=..)

What's his current position on defunding Chicago police?

Position: **UNKNOWN**
Sawyer sponsored 02020-3331, the city council ordinance calling for the termination of the intergovernmental agreement between Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Police Department.¹⁶ Ald. Sawyer has not explicitly spoken out in favor of defunding

¹⁶"02020-3331--Call for termination of intergovernmental agreement with Chicago Board of Education regarding

stationing of Chicago police officers at Chicago Public Schools locations," [https://chicago.legistar.com/](https://chicago.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4571740&GUID=453897C1-71C3-4CA6-877D-4F97580AABF5&Options=&Search=..)

[LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4571740&GUID=453897C1-71C3-4CA6-877D-4F97580AABF5&Options=&Search=.](https://chicago.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4571740&GUID=453897C1-71C3-4CA6-877D-4F97580AABF5&Options=&Search=..)

CPD or our campaign. He stated "I support the police in their initiatives to do what's right throughout the community, I just don't think the police are prepared to act as school monitors inside certain school buildings," regarding cops out of CPS.¹⁷ He still supports GAPA (rather than CPAC) as a form of civilian oversight of policing, even though Mayor Lori Lightfoot is "moving on" from the ordinance.¹⁸

Ward Priorities?

Ald. Sawyer's priorities for the 6th ward are: improving the commercial corridors, providing "job training and placement opportunities" for ward residents, and improved housing.¹⁹

¹⁷D'Onofrio, Jessica and Craig Wall, "Chicago City

Council Dodges Police Reform demands, passes renter

relief, budget, recognizes Juneteenth," *ABC 7 Chicago*,

Jun 17, 2020, [https://abc7chicago.com/chicago-news-](https://abc7chicago.com/chicago-news-city-council-police-department-cpac/6251737/)

[city-council-police-department-cpac/6251737/](https://abc7chicago.com/chicago-news-city-council-police-department-cpac/6251737/).

¹⁸"GAPA Statement from Alderman Sawyer and

Alderman Osterman," Community Renewal Society, Oct

5, 2020, [https://www.communityrenewalsociety.org/](https://www.communityrenewalsociety.org/announcements-slick/alderman-gapa-statement)

[announcements-slick/alderman-gapa-statement](https://www.communityrenewalsociety.org/announcements-slick/alderman-gapa-statement).

¹⁹GST Editorial Board, "6th Ward candidate for

alderman: Roderick T. Sawyer," *Chicago Sun-Times*, Jan

Who Supports Alderperson Sawyer?²⁰*Top Illinois and Chicago Campaign Donors:*

SEIU Illinois Council PAC Fund	\$71,944.74	Oct 2011 - Mar 2019
Ernest Sawyer Enterprises + Ernest Sawyer<?>	\$38,055	Dec 2010 - Mar 2019
AFSCME Illinois Council No. 31	\$31,850	Jul 2011 - Apr 2019
SEIU Healthcare IL IN PAC	\$27,017.20	Apr 2013 - Mar 2019
John H Bradshaw + Bradshaw Construction & Management Inc	\$25,000	Mar 2011 - Aug 2020
Chicago for Rahm Emanuel	\$25,000	Oct 2018 - Apr 2019
Cari + Michael Sacks<?>	\$23,000	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019
Chicago Teachers Union (and PAC)	\$38,354.18	Jan 2013 - Jul 2020
SEIU Local No 1	\$16,210.28	Jan 2015 - Mar 2019
Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge No. 7<?>	\$300	Dec 2012

Top Local 6th Ward donors:

6th Ward Democratic Organization	\$25,300	Nov 2013 - Sep 2019
L&P Foods/Wholesale Candy Co., Inc	\$21,850	Apr 2011 - Aug 2020
William Kates + Kates Detective & Security, Inc.	\$10,555	Oct 2016 - Jul 2020
(7400 S.) Halsted Food & Liquors, Inc	\$9,055	May 2016 - Dec 2018
Medley's Moving & Storage, Inc. + Howard Medley<?>	\$8,400	Jun 2011 - Jul 2019
Spencer Leak and Sons Funeral Home	\$8,055	Feb 2011 - Dec 2019
Aby & Summer Inc. dba A&S Beverages	\$7,055	Nov 2014 - Apr 2019

Who are the organizations that are working in (or with ties to) the 6th Ward?

- [Imagine Englewood If](#)
- [CARA](#)
- [Teamwork Englewood](#)
- [Youth Advocate Programs](#)

Who supports defunding the police in the 4th Ward?

Unknown

27, 2019, <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2019/1/27/18314358/6th-ward-candidate-for-alderman-roderick-t-sawyer>

20"Contributions Search - By Candidates," Illinois State Board of Elections, <https://www.elections.il.gov/CampaignDisclosure/ContributionSearchByCandidates.aspx?ddlCanElectType=8PjgSoJE45NgyfuAcjVFDbD6VrzL1Mp&ddlDistrictType=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddlDistrict=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddlOffice=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddlCanParty=8PjgSoJE45PDio8H2it2DbioeL2xgn0f&txtCanLastName=6rJuFNLSiibqEaZTKkh3WA%3d%3d&ddlCanLastNameSearchType=GFDFP1A6LUwyXGMa4N1NWHp6U%2bUDyfx&ddlVendorState=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddlContributionType=8PjgSoJE45NgyfuAcjVFDbD6VrzL1Mp&ddlState=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddlFiledDate=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddlFiledDateThru=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&T=637400770038724607>

Anthony Beale (9th Ward)



Where is the 9th Ward?

Chatham, Roseland, Pullman, Washington Heights, West Pullman, and Riverdale

Who is Anthony Beale?

Ald. Anthony Beale was elected as the alderperson for the 9th ward in 1999. Beale is a member of the Black Caucus. Beale currently serves on the following city council committees:

- Committees and Rules
- Economic, Capital and Technology Development
- Education and Child Development
- Finance
- Pedestrian and Traffic Safety
- Workforce Development
- Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards

[Click here to learn more about Ald. Beale's committee assignments.](#)

What's his current position on defunding Chicago police?

POSITION: Ald. Beale **OPPOSES** defunding Chicago police.

WHY: On a Sept. 10, 2020 CAN TV interview with Sylvia Snowden, Ald. Beale



stated: "I am not in favor of defunding the police, but what I am in favor of is maybe reallocating some of those resources to help build relationships and maybe do some things that will help."²¹

However, Beale sent out a news release with six

²¹Political Forum - Ald. Anthony Beale," CAN TV, Sep 10, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYsbKIqDL0&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0PQ8hfvnhaqK6NH37rT2jvAbkrnf-01GVvyevpgyfuRE-rKubGE7ow>.

other alders (Coleman, 16th; Ervin, 28th; Lopez, 15th; Mitts, 37th; Scott, 24th, and Taliaferro, 29th) asking the city to redirect \$50 million of the police budget to violence prevention groups. This happened on October 21st, 2020, in the wake of Mayor Lightfoot's 2021 budget proposal²².

²²Bauer, Kelly, "Lightfoot Rejects Cutting Police Budget Despite \$1.2 Billion Budget Gap: 'I Do Not Support Defunding,'" *Block Club Chicago*, Oct 21, 2020, <https://>

Where can the funding go? Ward Priorities?

The top priorities for Ald. Beale in his ward neighborhoods are the "reduction of violence and public safety, education, and economic development."²³

To curb violence--particularly gun violence--in his ward, Ald. Beale has advocated for increased police presence, intervention programs (like Cure Violence), random police stops, more community policing, and community investments.²⁴ Beale has made it clear from his previous calls to bring in the National Guard to the south side to "secure a perimeter around the communities" that his vision of public safety is "to police the communities a little bit more."²⁵

blockclubchicago.org/2020/10/21/lightfoot-rejects-cutting-police-budget-as-chicago-faces-1-2-billion-budget-gap/.

²³CST Editorial Board, "9th Ward candidate for alderman: Anthony A. Beale," *Chicago Sun-Times*, Jan 27, 2019, <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2019/1/27/18369538/9th-ward-candidate-for-alderman-anthony-a-beale>.

²⁴CST Editorial Board, "9th Ward candidate for alderman: Anthony A. Beale," *Chicago Sun-Times*, Jan 27, 2019, <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2019/1/27/18369538/9th-ward-candidate-for-alderman-anthony-a-beale>.

²⁵Political Forum - Ald. Anthony Beale," CAN TV, Sep 10, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYsbKIqDL0&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0PQ8hfvnhaqK6NH37rT2jvAbkrnf-01GVvyevpgyfuRE-rKubGE7ow>.

Who supports Ald. Beale?²⁶**Top Campaign Contributors:**

Robert Rita + Friends of Robert "Bob" Rita<?>	\$59,000	Oct 2002 - Dec 2019
Construction & General Laborers District Council of Chicago - Ed League (LiUNA)	\$35,850	Jan 2000 - Jan 2019
Chicago for Rahm Emanuel	\$33,915	Mar 2015 - Nov 2018
For A Better Chicago PAC	\$25,240.75	Jan 2011 - Feb 2011
ITTA Political Action Committee	\$23,000	Nov 2014 - Jan 2017
Alvin and Gloria Bell<?>	\$21,900	Nov 2000 - Apr 2018
Emil Jones Jr (Citizens for Emil Jones/Friends of Emil Jones)<?>	\$10,400	Jul 1999 - Feb 2011
JB for Governor Exploratory Committee	\$10,000	Nov 2018
Taxicab Service Association, Inc	\$10,000	Jun 2016
Terrence Sommerfeld	\$10,000	Oct 2010 - Oct 2019
Milhouse Engineering & Construction	\$9,500	Jun 2009 - Dec 2015
Anchor Realty Group (Anchor Group Ltd of Illinois)	\$9,100	Jan 2007 - Oct 2010
Fraternal Order of Police #7	\$700	Jun 2003 - Feb 2007

Top 9th ward campaign donors:

Self-funded	\$105,851.26	Jul 1999 - Jun 2020
Khalils Foods Inc	\$16,300	Sep 2006 - Dec 2012
Louis Raffan + Raffin Construction Co<?>	\$15,050	Oct 2015 - Jan 2017
Aaron Root + Root Brothers Supply<?>	\$8,000	May 2016 - Feb 2019
Rosemoor Town & Country + 421 E 103rd St Corp<?>	\$13,500	Dec 2010 - Nov 2019
DL3 Realty LP	\$10,100	Jun 2003 - Dec 2006
John Howard	\$7,375	Dec 1999 - Nov 2001
Friends of Nicholas Smith	\$7,750	Apr 2018 - Oct 2019
Hilltop Liquor Mart	\$8,500	Dec 2005 - Nov 2017
Imperial Zinc Corp	\$7,500	May 2010 - Oct 2019

Organizations that are working in (or with ties to) the 9th Ward?

Unknown

Who supports defunding police in the 9th Ward?

Unknown

Michael Rodriguez (22nd Ward)



Where is the 22nd Ward?

Lawndale, Little Village, and Archer Heights

Who is Michael Rodriguez?

Ald. Michael Rodriguez was elected in 2019. Rodriguez is a longtime resident of Little Village



and the former executive director of Enlace Chicago. He currently is a member of the Progressive and Latinx caucuses and serves on the following city council committees:

- Aviation
- Budget and Government Operations
- Committee and Rules

- Contracting Oversight and Equity
- Housing and Real Estate
- Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation
- Workforce Development
- Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards

Ald. Rodriguez is the vice chair of the committee on Transportation and Public Way. [Click here to learn more about Ald. Rodriguez's committee assignments.](#)

What's his current position on defunding Chicago police?

POSITION: **UNKNOWN**

Ward Priorities?

Ald. Rodriguez believes

that the most important issues in the 22nd ward are community safety, services, education, and financial needs. In his campaign interview with WTTW he committed to work closely with community groups and CPD districts in his ward "to create true community-based policing and oversight to ensure our officers are able to build authentic relationships and reciprocal trust within the community."²⁷

27"Michael Rodriguez," WTTW News Special

Edition 2019 Chicago Voters' Guide, n.d., <https://news.wttw.com/elections/voters->

Who supports Rodriguez?²⁸

Top Illinois and Chicago campaign donors:

Citizens for Steve Landek	\$10,936	Nov 2016 - Apr 2019
Skender Construction	\$7,500	Feb 2019
United Working Families PAC	\$7,000	Sep 2018 - Nov 2018
SEIU Healthcare IL IN PAC	\$8,799.91	Oct 2018 - Jan 2020
Chicago Teachers Union	\$8,000	Jan 2019 - Oct 2020
Cook County Teachers Union-COPE	\$6,000	Sep 2018 - Sep 2019
JB for Governor Exploratory Committee	\$5,000	Oct 2018
LiUNA	\$5,000	Jan 2019 - Feb 2019
SEIU Illinois Council PAC ^{<?>}	\$5,000	Jan 2019
Chicago Police Sergeants Association P.B.P.A. Unit 156A	\$1,200	Sep 2019 - Apr 2020

guide/2019/candidates/chicago-city-council/michael-rodriguez

28"Contributions Search - By Candidates," Illinois State Board of Elections, <https://www.elections.il.gov/CampaignDisclosure/ContributionSearchByCandidates.aspx>

Top 22nd ward campaign donors:

22nd Ward Committeeman Fund	\$6,200	Dec 2015
22nd Ward IPO	\$5,339.38	Sep 2017 - Sep 2019
Citizens for Munoz	\$3,550	Dec 2015 - Mar 2017
Andrea Muñoz	\$2,700	Oct 2016 - Feb 2019
Friends of Arthur Turner II	\$2,500	Feb 2019
Friends of Celina Villanueva	\$2,750	Dec 2018 - Aug 2019
Self-funded<?>	\$2316.5	May 2015 - Aug 2017
Carl Rosen	\$2,100	Feb 2016 - Jan 2020
Fausto Enterprises	\$1,500	Feb 2019 - May 2019

Organizations that are working in (or with ties to) the 22nd Ward?

- United Working Families (UWF) base in ward
- Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO)
- Enlace Chicago
- SEIU Healthcare IL & IN base

Who supports defunding police in the 22nd Ward?

- UWF²⁹
- LVEJO³⁰

²⁹<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IEFwktX5FWCdV4dZ6KJOKTgs5f4DreC8ikgYYfbmS24/edit>

³⁰While, LVEJO has not officially endorsed the #DefundCPD campaign, the organization has supported actions to defund Chicago police during summer 2020: <https://www.facebook.com/lvejo2020/posts/10158466902059451>. They also submitted

written testimony to the Cook County Board of Commissioners in support of the Justice for Black Lives Resolution (Resolution 20-2867) to defund Cook County Jail: <https://www.facebook.com>

Roberto Maldonado (26th Ward)



Where is the 26th ward?

Humboldt Park (predominantly West, some East), West Town, Logan Square

Who is Roberto Maldonado?

Maldonado came to Chicago from Puerto Rico to finish his postdoctoral studies at Loyola University. He later worked as a school psychologist in CPS. Beginning 1988, Maldonado ran a mortgage banking firm directed at assisting Latinx families gain home ownership. Later, he became the 8th district Commissioner and served for fifteen years. Alderperson Maldonado was first appointed to office in 2009 and elected in 2011. As a 26th ward resident for forty years, Roberto Maldonado prioritizes

education and safe public spaces in his work. He has also advocated for affordable housing, immigrant sanctuary, and increased surveillance to reduce gang violence and overall crime.³¹Maldonado is the chairperson of the Latino Caucus, and a member of the following committees:

- Aviation
- Committees and Rules
- Education and Child Development
- Housing and Real Estate
- Pedestrian and Traffic Safety

What's his current

³¹<http://www.robertomaldonado.com/about.html>

position on defunding Chicago police?

POSITION: **UNKNOWN**

While Maldonado does not explicitly support defunding the police, he has stated his support of redistributing CPD funding elsewhere, particularly towards education. In 2019, Maldonado voted "No" on the construction of the Cop Academy.

- "Simply put, I will always speak openly of what I *want funded*—not what I don't."
- "I urge the \$33 million currently funded for police in our public schools to instead be funding teacher and school resources and

applaud the Teachers Union for their efforts to make this happen."³²

Where can the funding go? Community needs that require resources/funding:

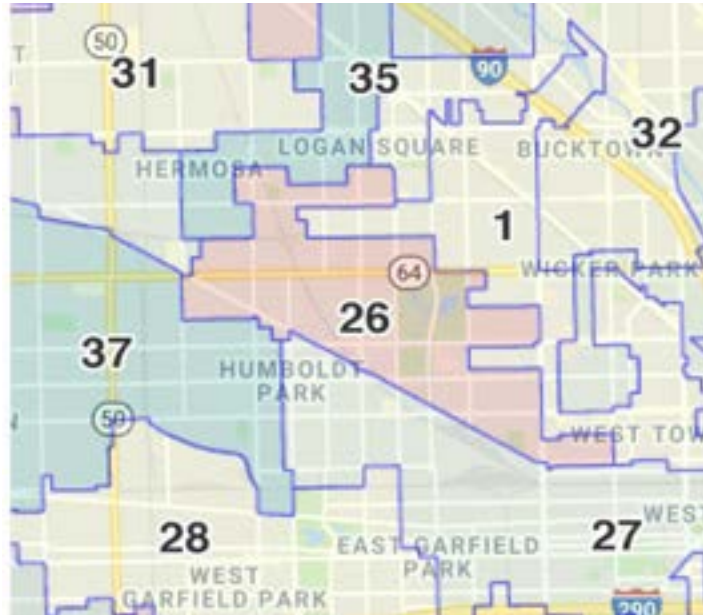
- Public spaces & beautification³³
- Education³⁴
- Access to food and grocery stores³⁵

³²<http://www.robertomaldonado.com/>

³³Maldonado has spoken about street maintenance as means to crime prevention: "Maldonado has spent over \$10 Million to re-build the 26th Ward with freshly paved streets and alleys, brighter lightening and security cameras- all in an effort to **prevent crime**. "Blighted streets attract criminal elements," he explained." <http://www.robertomaldonado.com/rebuilding.html>

³⁴Since Maldonado took office in 2009, six out of twelve schools in the district have attained Level 1 grades. He wants to get the remaining six schools to a Level 1 grade. <http://www.robertomaldonado.com/rebuilding.html>

³⁵The 26th ward has a Cermak Market on North and Talman, in addition to several smaller markets throughout the ward. "[In 2018] 46% of households were still food insecure, compared with 13% of households nationwide." <https://www.cct.org/2018/04/in-humboldt-park-healthy-food-and-health-care-often-out-of-reach/#:~:text=According%20to%20survey%20results%20of%20U.S.%20adults,with%209%25%20of%20U.S.%20adults.>



- Mental health services³⁶

Who is Maldonado responsive to? Who are his donors?

- 26th Ward Democratic Organization (\$220k), which is a conglomeration of individuals and businesses who pool their donations for candidates on the Democratic ticket
- SEIU 73 (\$16,500), union representing people working in the public service and publicly funded work sectors
- Chicago Teachers Union (\$15K)
- Developers. Dream Develops Chicago Inc (\$10k), C&R Real Estate Development (\$8k)

³⁶There are several health clinics in the ward, but not all offer accessible car and pricing. "One in four women in Humboldt Park...currently have symptoms of PTSD, and at least one in 10 adults in Humboldt Park and the western side of West Town have been diagnosed with the disorder." <https://news.wttw.com/2017/03/23/survey-reveals-alarming-health-disparities-chicago-neighborhoods>

Local 26th Ward donors:

- Superior Washtenaw LLC (\$10k)
- Grand California LLC (\$6,500)³⁷
- **Organizations that are working in (or with ties to) the 26th Ward**
 - Social Services
 - La Casa Norte (housing)
 - Union League Girls and Boys Club (youth)
 - El Centro Nuestro (Latinx youth)
 - El Rescate (LGBTQIA+ youth)
- **Violence Prevention**
 - Alliance of Local Service Organizations (ALSO)
 - Broader Urban Involvement & Leadership Development (BUILD)

Health

- Erie Teen and Young Adult Health Center (youth)
- Howard Brown (LGBTQIA+ youth and adult)

Who supports defunding police in the

³⁷All campaign donations were found using the Reform for Illinois' Sunshine Database <http://illinois sunshine.org/>

26th Ward?

- Unknown

Key Takeaways

- Maldonado does not want to increase police spending, but is yet to explicitly say "defund." He has supported accountability initiatives (CPAC) and opposed increased CPD spending (voted 'No' on Cop Academy).
- Maldonado is committed to economic expansion as a means to solving crime and violence. This involves increased funding for schools, and more affordable housing.
- Maldonado supports protests against police violence.³⁸
- However, he has also requested greater police presence in the 12th and 14th districts³⁹, and increased street camera surveillance in the 26th ward.
- In order to encourage Maldonado to explicitly take a "Defund" stance, it would be wise to partner with local organizations (El Rescate?) and community members in negotiating with him. Maldonado prides himself on performing community outreach and speaking directly with his constituents.

³⁸"Maldonado fully supports community marches against violence and urges residents to attend CAPS meetings." <http://www.robertomaldonado.com/crime.html>

³⁹"Police Commanders' Kulbida (12th) and Saldana (14th) need these men and women to restore peace and quiet to the 26th Ward. Despite newly added officers, these districts still suffer shortages." <http://www.robertomaldonado.com/crime.html>

Jason Ervin (28th Ward)



Where is the 28th Ward?

Austin, East Garfield, West Garfield, Parts of North Lawndale, Little Italy, Little Village, Pilsen, Tri-Taylor, University Village, West Loop

Who is Jason Ervin?

Ald. Jason Ervin was appointed in 2011 by former mayor Richard M. Daley; he was later elected in 2011. Before being appointed as the 28th ward alderperson, Ervin served as village manager of Maywood (west suburb of Chicago). He is currently married to City of Chicago Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin.⁴⁰ He is the son of former 11th District CPD Commander

⁴⁰Meet Alderman Ervin," AldermanErvin.com, <http://www.aldermanervin.com/jason>.



Claudell Ervin.⁴¹

Ald. Ervin sits on the following city council committees:

- Budget and Government Operations
- Committees and Rules
- Contracting Oversight and Equity
- Finance
- License and Consumer Protection
- Public Safety
- **Workforce Development**

Ervin is the chair of the council's Black Caucus; he is the vice chair of the Committee on Workforce Development as well as the Joint Committee on Health and Human Relations & Workforce Development. [Click here to learn more about Ald. Ervin's committee assignments.](#)

What's his current

⁴¹Mayor's Press Office, "Statement from Mayor

Emanuel on CPD Commander Ervin, Dec 19, 2017, https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/mayor/press_room/

[press_releases/2017/december/CPDErvin.html](https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/mayor/press_room/press_releases/2017/december/CPDErvin.html).

position on defunding Chicago police?

POSITION: **UNKNOWN**

Ald. Ervin has a history of supporting violence prevention initiatives and organizations on the West and South sides of Chicago.⁴²

Jason Ervin sent out a news release with six other alders (Beale, 9th; Coleman, 16th; Lopez, 15th; Mitts, 37th; Scott, 24th; and Taliaferro, 29th) asking the city to redirect \$50 million of the police budget to violence prevention groups in the wake of Mayor Lightfoot's

⁴²Ervin, Alderman Jason (@AldermanErvin), "Glad to

stand with @ActionNowChi on additional resources for violence prevention and jobs for our youth." Twitter, Jan

18, 2017 1:13 PM, <https://twitter.com/aldermanervin/status/821797604858138624?lang=en>.

2021 budget proposal⁴³.

Where can the funding go? Ward Priorities?

In his candidate statement to the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Jason Ervin said the following things were top priorities in the 28th ward: "economic development, expanding opportunities for working families and safety for children. On a citywide level, I want to find ways to continue to move Chicago forward in addressing our financial challenges and return vital service levels to residents that have [undergone] reductions these past several years."⁴⁴

Who supports Ald. Ervin?⁴⁵

⁴³Bauer, Kelly, "Lightfoot Rejects Cutting Police

Budget Despite \$1.2 Billion Budget Gap: 'I Do Not Support

Defunding," *Block Club Chicago*, Oct 21, 2020, [https://](https://blockclubchicago.org/2020/10/21/lightfoot-rejects-cutting-police-budget-as-chicago-faces-1-2-billion-budget-gap/)

blockclubchicago.org/2020/10/21/lightfoot-rejects-cutting-police-budget-as-chicago-faces-1-2-billion-budget-gap/.

⁴⁴CST Editorial Board, "28th Ward candidate for

alderman: Jason Ervin," *Chicago Sun-Times*, Jan 27, 2019,

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2019/1/27/18319747/28th-ward-candidate-for-alderman-jason-ervin>.

Top Illinois and Chicago campaign donors:

Chicago for Rahm Emanuel	\$21,500	Apr 2015 - Dec 2018
For a Better Chicago PAC	\$16,321.64	Feb 2011
Claudell Ervin	\$15,639	Dec 2010 - Sep 2016
Thomas Meador + Michigan Avenue Real Estate Group<?>	\$15,500	Jun 2014 - Dec 2018
SEIU Illinois Council PAC	\$15,000	Jan 2011 - Feb 2019
O'Connor Contractors, Inc.	\$13,000	Dec 2014 - Dec 2019
Union Pacific Railroad	\$12,500	Feb 2011 - Oct 2020
Unite Here	\$12,315.54	Feb 2011 - Mar 2011
Lake & Cicero, Inc	\$12,000	Mar 2016 - Mar 2019
MAT Construction, Inc.<?>	\$11,539	Mar 2012 - Nov 2019
Cari and Michael Sacks<?>	\$11,200	Jan 2019
Skender Construction	\$11,000	Jun 2014 - Oct 2019
Motion Picture Studio Mechanics Local 476	\$10,750	Oct 2011 - Dec 2019
Citywide Disposal	\$10,500	Dec 2014
Chicagoland Operators Joint Labor Management PAC	\$10,000	Nov 2017 - Feb 2019
Illinois Merchants PAC	\$10,000	Feb 2011 - Jan 2019
I.U.O.E. Local 150 Local Area PAC	\$8,500	Feb 2015 - Sep 2019



Top 28th ward campaign donors:

Self-funded	\$42,296.14	Nov 2010 - Sep 2020
Andy's Deli	\$15,000	Dec 2014 - Feb 2019
Friends for Harris<?>	\$13,750	Mar 2014 - Nov 2014
Nugent Builders	\$8,000	Jun 2014 - Dec 2019
28th Ward Democratic Organization	\$7,200	Dec 2011 - Dec 2012

Organizations that are working in (or with ties to) the 28th Ward

Action Now

Who supports defunding police in the 28th Ward?

Unknown

Search - By Candidates," Illinois State Board of Elections, <https://www.elections.il.gov/CampaignDisclosure/ContributionSearchByCandidates.aspx?ddiCanElectType=8PjgSojE45NgyfuAcjVFD6VrzL1Mp&ddiDistrictType=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddiDistrict=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddiOffice=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddiCanParty=8PjgSojE45PDio8H2itzDbioeL2xgn0f&txtCanLastName=0wbgWmIkRU8Dr58crgHAW%3d%3d&ddiCanLastNameSearchType=GDFDP1A6LUwyXGMe4NINWHP6U%2bUDyfXx&txtCanFirstName=UCctfa83X0AwFbz2gvUmoQ%3d%3d&ddiCanFirstNameSearchType=GDFDP1A6LUwyXGMe4NINWHP6U%2bUDyfXx&ddiVendorState=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddiContributionType=8PjgSojE45NgyfuAcjVFD6VrzL1Mp&ddiState=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddiFiledDateTime=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&ddiFiledDateTimeThru=8zHHzG4c9P4%3d&T=637400992062050953>

Chris Taliaferro (29th Ward)

Where is the 29th Ward?

Austin, Galewood, Montclare



Who is Chris Taliaferro?

Ald. Chris Taliaferro is a former CPD sergeant and practicing lawyer with Taliaferro Law Group. He is also the 29th Ward Democratic Committeeman.⁴⁶ Ald. Taliaferro is a member of the Black and Progressive caucuses.

Taliaferro is currently a member of the following city council committees:

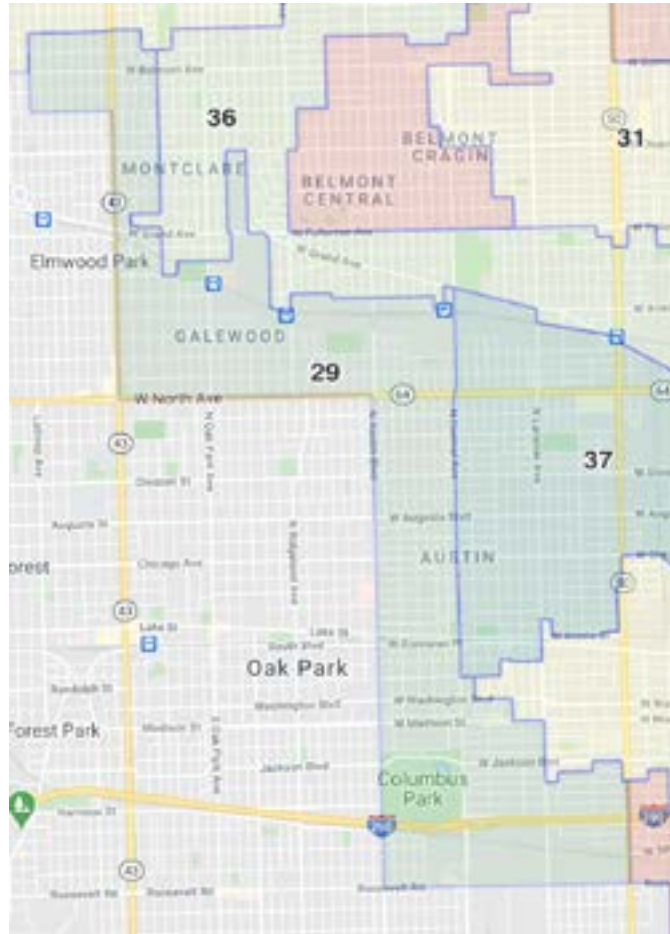
- Budget and Government Operations
- Committee and Rules
- Finance
- License and Consumer Protection
- **Public Safety (Chair)**
- Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation
- Workforce Development

Ald. Taliaferro is the chair of the Committee on Public Safety and chairs the following Joint

⁴⁶Dean, Terry, "Taliaferro Eases into 29th Ward

Committeeman Post," *Austin Weekly News*, Apr 15, 2016, <https://www.austinweeklynews.com/News/>

Articles/4-15-2016/Taliaferro-eases-into-29th-Ward-committeeman-post-/,



Committees:

- Budget and Government Operations; Ethics and Government Oversight; Public Safety
- Budget and Government Operations; Public Safety
- Education and Child Development; Education and Public Safety
- Finance; Public Safety

[Click here to learn more about Ald. Taliaferro's committee assignments.](#)

What's his current position on defunding

Chicago police?

POSITION: Taliaferro **OPPOSES** defunding the Chicago Police Department.

WHY: According to *Austin Weekly News*,

Taliaferro believes "efforts to defund the police are misguided and the city should... ensure[] officers are fully equipped while investing in community resources. He went on to say that supporting community needs "can be done without taking [away] resources from our police department."⁴⁷

In June, he was quoted in the *Chicago Tribune*, stating that

⁴⁷Sabino, Pascal and Block Club Chicago, "After Children Killed, Leaders Debate Police Defunding,"

Austin Weekly News, Jul 2, 2020, <https://www.austinweeklynews.com/News/Articles/7-2-2020/>

After-children-killed%20-leaders-debate-police-defunding-/,

cutting the police budget would be "careless and irresponsible."⁴⁸

However, on October 21st, 2020, Taliaferro joined six other alders (Beale, 9th; Coleman, 16th; Lopez, 15th; Mitts, 37th; Scott, 24th; and Ervin, 28th) in a press release that request the city redirect \$50 million of the CPD budget to violence prevention services. This came in light of the Mayor's insistence that she will not defund the police⁴⁹.

Ward priorities?

In his interview with *Chicago Sun-Times*, Ald. Taliaferro stated that his top three priorities for the 29th ward are: **public safety, economics and community development, and education.**⁵⁰

Who supports Ald.

⁴⁸Hinkel, Dan and Annie Sweeney, "Why 'defund the police' and other ideas for change may face a greater challenge in Chicago than in other cities," *Chicago Tribune*, Jun 12, 2020, <https://www.chicagotribune.com/investigations/ct-defunding-chicago-police-20200612-eaanefw5jgode37sf7ih3fyna-story.html>.

⁴⁹Bauer, Kelly, "Lightfoot Rejects Cutting Police Budget Despite \$1.2 Billion Budget Gap: 'I Do Not Support Defunding,'" *Block Club Chicago*, Oct 21, 2020, <https://blockclubchicago.org/2020/10/21/lightfoot-rejects-cutting-police-budget-as-chicago-faces-1-2-billion-budget-gap/>.

⁵⁰CST Editorial Board, "9th Ward candidate for alderman: Chris Taliaferro," *Chicago Sun-Times*, Jan 27, 2019, <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2>

Taliaferro?⁵¹*Top Illinois and Chicago campaign donors:*

JB for Governor + JB for Governor Exploratory Committee	\$35,000	Jan 2018 - Nov 2018
Friends of Nicholas Sposato	\$28,698	Mar 2015 - Feb 2019
Danny K Davis ^{<?>}	\$16,942.59	Jan 2015 - Mar 2015
SEIU Illinois Council PAC Fund	\$10,000	Jan 2019
Tara Stamps	\$8,000	Apr 2015
Chicago Police Sergeants Association	\$7,300	Mar 2015 - Dec 2017
MIA Property & Noah Properties ^{<?>}	\$6,750	Nov 2015 - Aug 2018
AFSCME Council 31	\$6,750	Dec 2016 - Feb 2020
Comcast	\$6,750	Jul 2015 - Dec 2019
Chicago Firefighters Union, Political Committee Fund	\$6,650	Mar 2015 - Dec 2019
Chicagoland Operators Joint Labor Management PAC	\$6,000	Nov 2017 - Feb 2019
Steven Bylina III ^{<?>}	\$5,700	Oct 2014 - Oct 2019
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7 ^{<?>}	\$700	Oct 2019

Top 29th ward campaign donors:

Friends of Chris Taliaferro/Self-funded	\$10,450 ^{<?>}	Oct 2014 - Sept 2016
Nasser Ahmed + Sunset Liquors ^{<?>}	\$10,250 ^{<?>}	May 2015 - Aug 2019
Mont Clare Senior Residences	\$6250	Jun 2017 - Oct 2019
Alpine Manufacturing	\$5750	Mar 2016 - Jun 2020
29th Ward Democratic Organization	\$2,700	Nov 2018
Lukes on Harlem	\$2,700	Feb 2016 - Sep 2020
Ira Acree ^{<?>}	\$1,785	Mar 2015 - Feb 2019

⁵¹"Contributions Search - By Candidates," Illinois State Board of Elections, <https://www.elections.il.gov/CampaignDisclosure>

Organizations that are working in (or with ties to) the 29th Ward (mostly in Austin)*

- Austin Coming Together (ACT)
- The Bloc Boxing Club
- Chicago CRED
- Good Neighbor Campaign
- Safer Foundation
- Westside Health Authority
- Westside Justice Center
- Austin Peoples Action Center
- Broader Urban Involvement & Leadership Development (BUILD)
- Cure Violence
- Root2Fruit Youth Foundation
- Institute for Non-Violence in Austin⁵²
- Action Now

Who supports defunding police in the 29th Ward?

- **1st District Cook County Board Commissioner Brandon Johnson** supports divesting funds from policing and investing in community services (Johnson introduced the Justice for Black Lives resolution)⁵³

⁵²Ald. Taliaferro co-wrote this op-ed in support of GAPA with Harry

Osterman, Roderick Sawyer, and Susan Sadlowski Garza. It

also calls for "a big investment in police training and more

support for the police to help them cope with the pressures

of the job." With Roderick and Osterman, Taliaferro [introduced](#)

[an ordinance](#) to create an office of gun violence prevention

for \$50 mil/year. The ordinance is waiting in the Public Safety

committee. Osterman, Ald. Harry, Ald. Roderick Sawyer, Ald.

Chris Taliaferro and Ald. Susan Sadlowski Garza, "How \$200

million could save thousands of lives lost to gun violence in

Chicago, *Chicago Sun-Times*, Oct 15, 2019, <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2019/10/15/20915987/chicago-gun-violence-prevention-gapa-ordinance-city-council>.

⁵³Myers, Quinn, "Chicago Tonight" in Your Neighborhood: Austin, WTTW

News, Jul 30, 2020, <https://news.wttw.com/2020/07/30/chicago-tonight-your-neighborhood-austin>.

Scott Waguespack (32nd Ward)

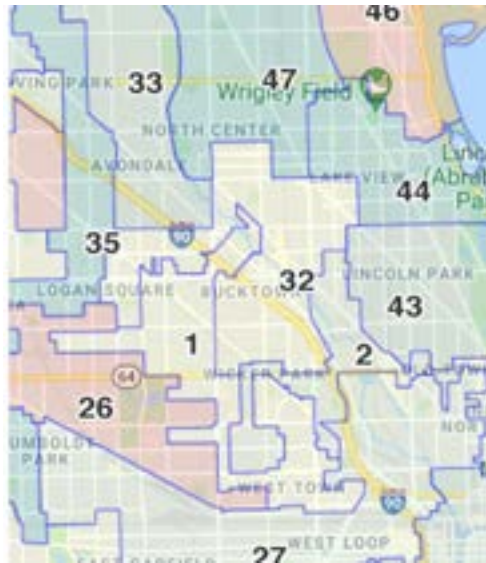


Where is the 32nd ward?

Bucktown, Logan Square, Roscoe Village, Lakeview

Who is Scott Waguespack?

Alderson Scott Waguespack was elected to represent the 32nd ward in 2007. After college, Waguespack served in the Peace Corps, working in Kenya. Alderson Waguespack started as a lawyer and acted as an advisor for eastern European politicians. He worked in Berwyn's mayoral office as the city administrator, focusing on "fiscal responsibility." Later, Waguespack returned to Chicago to focus on more local interests. Waguespack is a member of the Progressive Reform Caucus and acted as chairperson from 2015-2019. Waguespack was appointed chair of the Finance Committee by Mayor Lightfoot in 2019 after supporting her early on during the 2018 mayoral election.⁵⁴ Waguespack has advocated for city council reform in light of previous



Finance Committee chair Ed Burke's corruption charges.⁵⁵ Waguespack serves on these committees:

- **Budget and Government Operations**
- Ethics and Government Oversight
- Education and Child Development
- **Finance (Chair)**
- Health and Human Relations
- Housing and Real Estate
- Transportation and Public Way
- Zoning, Landmarks, and Building Standards

What is his current position on defunding the police?

POSITION: **UNKNOWN**

He has advocated for police reform. Waguespack states that he and other alderpersons are considering both **GAPA** and **CPAC**⁵⁶, and that city council's plan is to "[merge]

⁵⁵<https://blockclubchicago.org/2019/06/11/ultimate-outsider-scott-waguespack-has-big-plans-to-reform-ed-burkes-finance-committee-fiefdom/>

the two ordinances to create a meaningful body⁵⁷". Although he initially voted 'yes' during the Finance committee hearing on **Green v. Chicago**, as chairperson Waguespack delayed the final vote in an effort to guarantee more time to create a police misconduct database.⁵⁸ Waguespack promised to introduce an ordinance that sets a timeline to create an open and accessible database.

Ward Priorities?

The 32nd ward newsletter⁵⁹ mostly

CPAC for a comprehensive, community-led police oversight plan- not GAPA.

⁵⁷<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/58https://chicago.cbslocal.com/2020/07/22/bid-to-settle-lawsuit-seeking-decades-of-police-misconduct-records-stalls-aldermen-look-to-create-database-for-complaint-records/>

⁵⁹If you are not subscribed to the newsletter, archived postings may be accessed via Alderson Waguespack's twitter.

<https://bit.ly/32MDv92>

contains updates about bar/restaurant COVID-related restrictions/policies, voting registration and location information, and events for local businesses. Occasionally it includes information on how to donate to or access mutual aid, or how to access free government resources. Alderson Waguespack condemned protestors during the May and June 2020 uprisings, describing these actions as "criminal" while applauding local businesses for reopening amidst the pandemic:

• "...many businesses and residents recover from the intense criminal activity that used the protests as a cover..."⁶⁰

As Finance committee chairperson, Waguespack has been concerned with this year's budget \$1.2 billion budget deficit⁶¹. He has a great advantage in setting the agenda for negotiations and priorities as chair of the finance committee.

Who supports Alderson

Waguespack?

- AFSCME Illinois (\$20k, January 2015-May 2016)
- SEIU Illinois (\$20k, January 2015-January 2019)
- AmGUARD Insurance (\$9,526.39, December 2017)
- Columbia Equities LP (\$5k, July 2018)
- Chicago Land Operators Joint Labor Pac (\$5k, December 2017)

⁶⁰<https://conta.cc/3pxUm9e>

⁶¹<https://bit.ly/38P5Q2f>

⁵⁴<https://www.ward32.org/about>

⁵⁶The Defund CPD campaign endorses

- Edward Underhill (\$5k, September 2017)
- SEIU HealthCare IL (\$7k, January 2015)
- Chicago Teachers Union-PAC (\$5k, February 2015)
- Will's Northwoods Inn (\$4,535, June 2016-September 2017)
- Chicago Police Sargeants' Association (\$1k, June 2019)

Local 32nd Ward

donors:

- Will's Northwoods Inn (Bar,

3030 N Racine Avenue)

Organizations that are working in (or with ties to) the 32nd Ward:

The 32nd ward contains organizations that generally work with neighborhood preservation, development, and community building (with the exception of the DSA). These groups engage with

Alderson Waguespack to "share information, make zoning decisions, liquor licensing issues, and legislation among other things⁶²." These are predominantly white, higher median income neighborhoods. Social services, such as mental health or after-school child care, are privately

⁶²[https://www.ward32.org/our-](https://www.ward32.org/our-community)

community

sought after.

- Roscoe Village Neighbors
- Hamlin Park Neighbors
- South Lakeview Neighbors
- RANCH Triangle
- Sheffield Neighborhood Association
- Wicker Park Committee
- Bucktown Community Organization

Who supports

defunding the police in the 32nd ward?

Unknown

Emma Mitts (37th Ward)

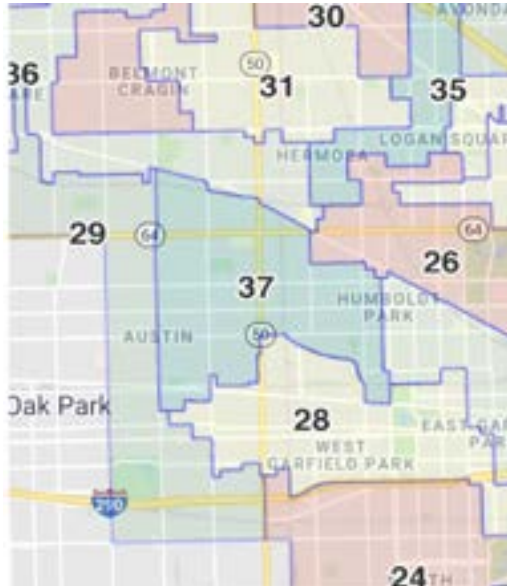


Where is the 37th ward?

Austin, West Humboldt Park, West Garfield Park

Who is Emma Mitts?

Emma Mitts was elected to represent the 37th ward in 2000. She studied Business and Marketing at the University of Arkansas and Triton College. Mitts worked in Chicago's Department of Revenue; Department of Streets and Sanitation; Coordinator of Special Projects with the Bureau of Street Operations; and worked on the mayor's office Workforce Development Program before serving on city council. Mitts states she practices "unity in the community" while serving the 37th ward⁶³. Alderson Mitts is the chairperson of



the committee on License and Consumer Protection, a member of the Black caucus, and is a member of the following committees:

- Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development
- Committee on Public Safety
- Committee on Aviation
- Committee on Committees and Rules
- Committee on Budget and Government Operations
- Committee on Finance
- Committee on Workforce Development

Mitts is a member of the three committees that are

essential to the city council defunding process: Public Safety, Finance, and Budget and Government Operations.

What is her current position on defunding the police?

POSITION: **UNKNOWN**

Mitts is one of the main proponents of the \$95 million construction of the Cop Academy, which would be located in West Garfield Park, within the 37th ward. Mitts stated the construction of this training facility will

bring more jobs to the area, is essential to police reform and neighborhood safety⁶⁴. Her beliefs contradict those of 37th ward residents, who have long protested that this would increase police violence that disproportionately affects Black and brown folks. Additionally, these residents requested that this funding be redirected to community organizations, schools, and social services.⁶⁵

Alderson Mitts has advocated for police reforms. In June of 2020, Alderson Mitts introduced Resolution R2020-451 to city council, which is a "Call for Superintendent of Police to report on department progress toward compliance with the... federal consent decree and plans to ensure all police officers engage in constitutional and effective policing." CPD is years behind in fulfilling the consent decree requirements and failed to meet all existing

⁶⁴<https://blockclubchicago.org/>

⁶⁵<https://www.chicagotribune.com/voice-it>

⁶³<https://em-37.com/>

deadlines⁶⁶. Alderson Mitts supports CPAC.

On October 21st, 2020, Mitts joined six other alders (Beale, 9th; Coleman, 16th; Lopez, 15th; Scott, 24th; Ervin, 28th; and Taliaferro, 29th) in a press release that requested the city redirect \$50 million of the CPD budget to violence prevention services. This came in light of the Mayor's insistence that she will not defund the police⁶⁷.

Who are her donors?

Chicago for Rahm Emanuel (\$30k, October 2018-February 2019)

Cari B. Sacks (\$5.6k, June 2019)

Michael J. Sacks (\$5.6k, June 2019)

Chicago Land Operators Joint Labor-Management PAC (\$5k, November 2017)

JB For Governor Exploratory Committee (\$10k, October 2018-November 2018)

Liuna Chgo Laborers' District Council PAC (\$10k, December 2018-January 2019)

Jim S Frank (\$4.3k, February 2019)

Illinois Merchants Political Action Committee

⁶⁶<https://chicago.cbslocal.com/2020/08/>

⁶⁷<https://blockclubchicago.org/2020/>

(\$4k, February 2019)

37th ward donors?

Ward Priorities

Economic Sustainability: Mitts wants to increase job availability within the ward through the construction of new businesses and the \$95 million cop academy.

• "The 37th Ward is home to the city's 1st-ever Walmart. I also secured such major retail employers as the Washington Square Mall, CVS Pharmacy, Menards, Coca-Cola and others. I supported the re-opening of the longtime neighborhood business the Buyer's Flea Market after a devastating setback... As chairman of the City Council Licensing and Consumer Protection Committee, I'm proud to have successfully advocated for the expansion of food trucks, pop-up shops, industrial retail thrive zones and other forward-thinking initiatives designed to help support and expand small businesses in my ward and across the city."

Alderson Mitts sponsored an ordinance that targeted small, Black-owned businesses who made profit off of reselling phones. This is an example of targeting the working class for strategic survival rather than addressing structural problems or big

business tax exemptions on behalf of the wealthy.

- "I was the key sponsor of the Chronic Illegal Activity ordinance, which levied fines, and licensure revocation on neighborhood retail resellers of lost and/or stolen cell phones, which are often used in robberies and other criminal activity.⁶⁸"

Education: Mitts believes education is essential to economic prosperity, but is unclear about plans to pursue this in city council.

"I also know from experience that to fully support sustainable, long-term economic development, you need good, quality schools to generate a well-educated workforce⁶⁹."

Safety: Alderson Mitts has resolved to make Austin and West Garfield Park safer by enlisting more police officers, enforcement of firearm laws and criminalization of gang-affiliated young people. We know that increased interactions with police officers leads to increased death and

⁶⁸<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2019/1/27/18369075/37th>

⁶⁹<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2019/1/27/18369075/37>

incarceration for Black and brown people.

• "As of this week, 67 new officers are now on the streets, to protect the citizens of Chicago. I will continue my longstanding tradition of working closely with the Chicago Police Department...⁷⁰"

• "...ensuring enforcement of laws regarding gun and gang violence, and all other unsanctioned, illegal street activities⁷¹."

Who are the organizations that are working in (or with ties)

to the 37th ward?

- Austin Community Family Center
- No Cop Academy
- A House in Austin
- Austin Chicago Chamber of Commerce
- Austin Coming Together (ACT)
- ACT has a restorative justice initiative that encourages community members to resolve problems without calling the police.⁷²

Who supports defunding police in the 37th Ward?

- No Cop Academy

⁷⁰<https://chicago.suntimes.com>

⁷¹<https://chicago.suntimes.com>

⁷²<https://chicago.suntimes.com>

Michelle Smith (43rd Ward)



Where is Ward 43?

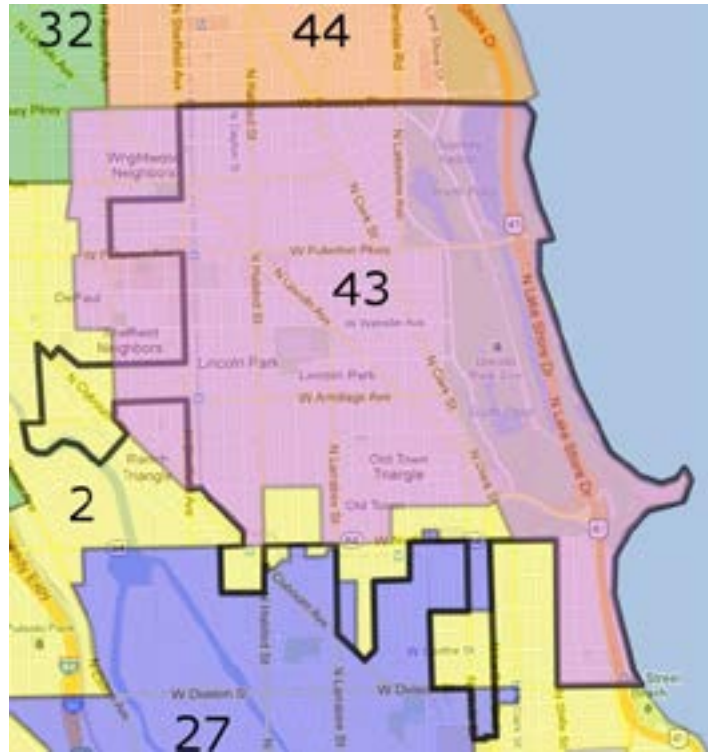
Encompasses Lakefront communities of Lincoln Park, Gold Coast, and Old Town

Who is Michele Smith?

Ald. Michele Smith previously served as general counsel for the Engine Group at Navistar International Corporation and before that was a prosecutor for the United States Attorney's Office. Smith was elected in 2011 and currently serves on the following city council committees:

- Budget and Government Operations
- Committee and Rules
- Environmental Protection and Energy
- **Ethics and Government Oversight**
- Finance
- Health and Human Relations
- License and Consumer Protection
- Public Safety.

Ald. Smith is the Chair of the Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight as well as the Chair on the Joint Committee on Budget and Government Operations; Ethics and Government



Oversight; Public Safety and the Joint Committee on Contracting Oversight and Equity; Ethics and Government Oversight.

What's her current position on defunding Chicago police?

POSITION: Ald. Michele Smith **OPPOSES** defunding the police.

WHY: Public safety and education are her top concerns.

Ald. Smith advocates for increasing the number of new officers in 18th and 19th district, visibility of officers, and officer patrols.

She is a strong supporter of community policing to decrease youth crime

LINCOLN PARK: Lincoln Park residents are concerned about an increase in violent crime.

Residents are calling for an increase in police patrols in response to crimes on CTA and around DePaul campus.

Community members feel they are being under policed and under resourced

Quotes from interviews She's paying lip service with tweets #1 and #3 -- her real opinion is the middle one. Her twitter is filled with posts that are either vaguely or explicitly pro-police.

Ward Priorities?

According to her ward website, "Alderman Smith views her role as protecting taxpayers from **excessive and wasteful spending**"⁷³

- Also: "She pressured the city to investigate its

absenteeism and overtime problems, which cost the taxpayers unnecessary millions."

- Per her website, she helped to protect a Planned Parenthood clinic -- can identify this and other women-focused resources for her (shelters, physical/sexual abuse relief/intervention, etc.)
- She cares about (1) parks and green space--the Lincoln Yards development, (2) public safety, (3) public schools. Ald. Smith's approach to issues in the 43rd ward is often MORE police and punishment.⁷⁴
- Although not a stated priority for Ald. Smith, the 43rd ward has LESS THAN 2.5% AFFORDABLE HOUSING.⁷⁵

⁷⁴Grapenthin, Jason, "43rd Ward public

safety forum tackles crime reduction,"

The DePaulia, Oct 4, 2020, [https://](https://depaulliaonline.com)

depaulliaonline.com. Ald. Smith has

advocated for implementation of

more or harsher penalties for juvenile

crimes and has lamented over people

being released within 24 hours of

being arrested on a gun charge.

CST Editorial Board, "43rd Ward

candidate for alderman: Michele

Smith," *Chicago Sun-Times*, Jan 27,

2019, <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2019/1/27/18357612>.

⁷⁵Wass, Shehara, "Data Points: Why some

neighborhoods in Chicago have

lots of affordable housing—and

others don't," *Metropolitan Planning*

Council, Dec 11, 2018, [https://www.](https://www.metroplanning.org/news/8658/Data-Points-Why-some-neighborhoods-in-Chicago-have-lots-of-affordable-housing-and-others-dont)

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[in-Chicago-have-lots-of-affordable-](https://www.metroplanning.org/news/8658/Data-Points-Why-some-neighborhoods-in-Chicago-have-lots-of-affordable-housing-and-others-dont)

[housing-and-others-dont.](https://www.metroplanning.org/news/8658/Data-Points-Why-some-neighborhoods-in-Chicago-have-lots-of-affordable-housing-and-others-dont)

⁷³"About Michele," Ward43.org, <https://ward43.org/about/about-michele/>.

Who Supports. Ald. Smith?

Top Illinois and Chicago campaign donors⁷⁶:

• Helen and Tim Meier<?>	• \$372,800	• Oct 2006 - Mar 2014
• 43rd Ward Democrats	• \$134,846	• Dec 2014 - Aug 2016
• Diane Graham-Henry<?>	• \$49,338	• Apr 2006 - Sep 2019
• Don and Anne Edwards<?>	• \$41,900	• Feb 2011 - Mar 2019
• Richard Melman + Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, Inc.	• \$41,050	• Nov 2006 - Mar 2019
• Illinois Hotel Motel PAC<?>	• \$38,000	• Dec 2014 - Feb 2020
• Stephanie Field Harris<?>	• \$32,1000	• Apr 2018 - Oct 2019
• Chicago for Rahm Emanuel	• \$30,000	• Mar 2015 - Oct 2018
• Samuel and Ann Menco<?>	• \$30,000	• Mar 2014 - Sep 2018
• John Horne	• \$30,000	• Sep 2006 - Mar 2007
• James Star<?>	• \$27,800	• Feb 2011 - Jul 2020
• Chicagoland Operators Joint Labor Management PAC<?>	• \$25,150	• Dec 2017 - Sep 2019
• Vestian Group Inc.<?>	• \$23,700	• Feb 2015 - Mar 2019
• Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce PAC<?>	• \$24,000	• Apr 2014 - Apr 2019
• Thomas (Tom) Hall	• \$43,544.34	• Mar 2007 - Sep 2019
• Chicago Federation of Labor & IUC<?>	• \$22,678	• Jan 2007 - Apr 2007
• ML Management LLC<?>	• \$21,800	• Mar 2015 - Dec 2019
• James Gidwitz<?>	• \$20,000	• Feb 2014 - Mar 2019

Top 43rd ward campaign donors:⁷⁷

• Michael L and Mary Silver<?>	• \$43,065	• Dec 2010 - Jun 2020
• Melvin and Randy Berlin<?>	• \$21,500	• Apr 2011 - Mar 2019
• Homeslyce Wheel House	• \$10,900	• Jan 2015 - Mar 2019
• Lion Head Pub	• \$9,000	• Jan 2015 - Jun 2019
• Big Apple Finer Foods	• \$8,355	• Oct 2014 - Jun 2020
• Old Crow Smokehouse	• \$8,020	• Dec 2016 - Nov 2017

Who are the organizations that are working in (or with ties to) the 43rd Ward?

- Lincoln Park Community Services (homelessness) - <https://lpcschicago.org/>
- SitStayRead - (<https://www.sitstayread.org/>)
- St. Vincent dePaul Center (family services) - <http://marillacstvincent.org/ourfacilities/stvincentdepaulcenter.html>
- Chicago House & Social Services (LGBTQ) - <https://www.chicagohouse.org/>

Who supports defunding police in the 43rd Ward?

- Lincoln Park HS Local School Council voted to remove CPD officers from building.
- CPS students, teachers, parents and others marched from Lincoln Park HS to Whitney Young HS and called to defund CPD
- DePaul students protesting to defund the police.

⁷⁶Contributions Search - By Candidates,* Illinois State Board of Elections, IL State Board of Elections Contributions Search - By Candidates.

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