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STATEMENT FROM CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR SYDNEY ROBERTS ON CONSENT DECREE

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) is pleased and excited to acknowledge this historic moment for the city of Chicago brought about by Judge Dow's order activating the Consent Decree between the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois. With the appointment of Schiff Hardin, Chicago partner Maggie Hickey and her team as the monitor along with former Northern District Judge David Coar as "Special Master" to oversee the compliance of the parties, the City of Chicago is clearly on the path to true reform.

We commend former Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Superintendent Eddie Johnson, Alderman Ariel Reboyras, along with every city official and resident that contributed to the development of the Consent Decree.

"As the civilian police oversight agency for the city of Chicago we believe that the Consent Decree serves as a roadmap to building trust between law enforcement and the community," said COPA Chief Administrator Sydney Roberts. "Every public safety agency, government official, community organization and resident should take pride in what this means for the entire city. I encourage us all to stay involved and commit to bringing about sustainable police reform to Chicago.

COPA serves as the City's civilian oversight agency for the Chicago Police Department and investigates allegations of police misconduct. COPA launched in September 2017.

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