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**COPA SEEKS INPUT FROM PUBLIC ON POLICIES TO IMPROVE
INVESTIGATIONS & CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT**

Today the Civilian Office of Police Accountability will begin/began receiving input and feedback on policies critical to improving the civilian oversight agency responsible for investigating allegations of police misconduct for the city of Chicago.

Members of the public that are interested will have 15 days to comment on each policy posted on COPA's website (<https://www.chicagocopa.org/community-outreach/public-comment-policy-review/>). COPA will compile, review, and consider all comments prior to finalizing its policies.

“At COPA, we understand the importance of the community’s voice in developing sound policies. Over the last three years we have worked closely with the residents of Chicago’s 77 communities as a leader in civilian oversight,” said COPA Chief Administrator Sydney Roberts. “By bringing this portal online, we again demonstrate our commitment to robust engagement and transparent oversight. We look forward to incorporating the feedback received into our future policies.”

Since launching in 2017, COPA has embarked on a continued journey of community partnerships and input by consistently engaging its Community Advisory Council, residents of the city of Chicago, youth, and a cross-section of stakeholders of various backgrounds through its recently developed community policy working group.

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