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CIVILIAN OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) APPLICATION

Today, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) opened the application process for its Community Advisory Council (CAC), which will consist of diverse residents of Chicago, comprised of 7-15 volunteers who represent various communities (i.e., police reformists, policy advocates, faith, and community leaders, concerned residents and former law enforcement officials).

As an important component of COPA's community engagement efforts, the CAC serves as a communication conduit between the broader Chicago community and COPA in order to assist the agency in creating and maintaining an effective and transparent dialog with the general public. Community Advisory Council members will share perspectives from the community about the agency's work, as well as provide input on COPA-related topics that affect City of Chicago residents related to police oversight and accountability.

CAC members shall be selected at the discretion of the Chief Administrator, with the advice and counsel of the First Deputy Chief Administrator who oversees Communications and External Affairs. The First Deputy Chief Administrator and/or Director of Public Affairs shall accept nominations or suggestions for new CAC members from current CAC members, COPA staff, community members, the Community Commission on Public Safety and Accountability, and the Chicago Police Department. CAC terms are one year, with the option to renew at the end of each term if invited by the First Deputy Chief Administrator.

The application deadline is June 30, 2023. To apply, please visit <https://www.chicagocopa.org/community-outreach/community-advisory-council/>

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