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Type: Resolution

Title: Call for hearing(s) on causes and possible solution regarding disproportionate number of black victims in missing person cases and Chicago Police Department protocol to remedy such imbalances

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Public Safety

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is the third largest city in the United States with an estimated population of roughly 2.7 million; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the 2010 U.S. Census, 32.9 percent of Chicago's overall population identified as black; and

WHEREAS, to date, the estimated black population of Chicago still constitutes roughly one-third of the city's population; and

WHEREAS, it has been found that black persons represent the majority of open missing persons cases in the City of Chicago, with approximately two-thirds of the more than 830 open missing persons cases being black; and

WHEREAS, of the 838 open missing persons cases¹, 337 cases concern black youth between the ages of 11 and 21; and

WHEREAS, of the 838 open missing persons cases, black girls between the ages of 11 and 21 represented 202 cases, almost one-fourth of all cases, while white girls of the same age represent only 4% of such cases; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies show that young black women constitute a particularly vulnerable group to perpetrators of sex trafficking crimes²; and

WHEREAS, these numbers reflect a striking imbalance of instance and response to black missing persons; and

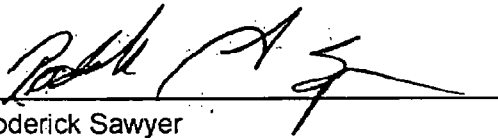
WHEREAS, Chicago continues to struggle to address racial inequities as they affect the quality of life, education, income, and employment of black Chicagoans;

¹ As of August, 1, 2016.

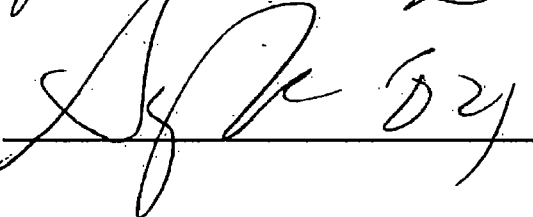
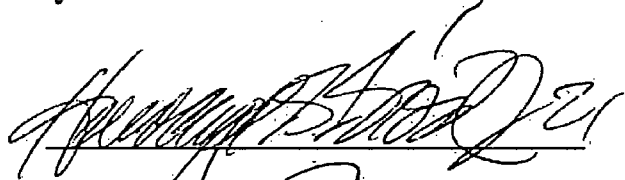
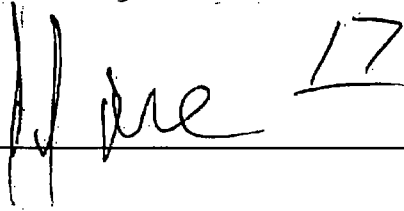
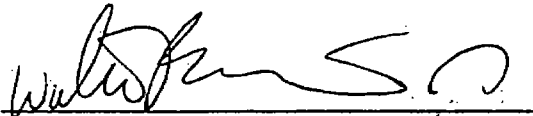
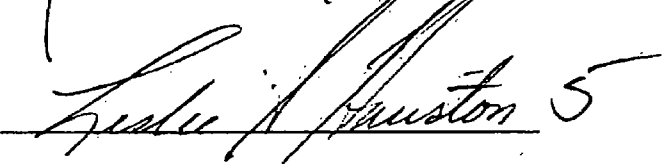
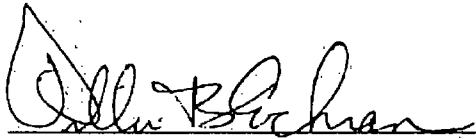
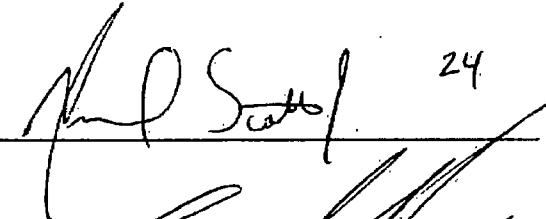
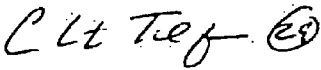
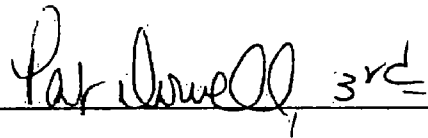
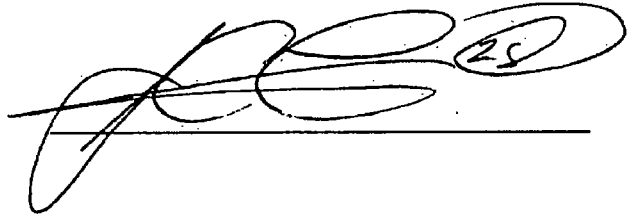
<http://m.chicagoreader.com/Bleader/archives/2016/09/08/black-people-make-up-the-majority-of-missing-persons-cases-in-chicago>

² <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/cshti0810.pdf>

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the members of City Council call for hearings before the Committee on Public Safety with to consider the causes and possible resolutions to address the disproportionate number of black victims in missing persons cases and other crimes and what protocol Chicago Police Department and other members of law enforcement intend to undertake to remedy these imbalances.



Roderick Sawyer
Alderman, 6th Ward





Chicago City Council Co-Sponsor Addition/Change

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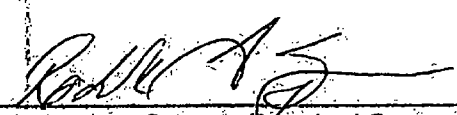
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