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## Legislation Text

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### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Like many other municipalities across the Country, the City of Chicago now grapples with significant challenges with law enforcement and community relationships and accountability; and

WHEREAS, The events that occurred on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the subsequent video showing the shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald necessitates a strong, deliberate, and immediate response by the City; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Emanuel has announced the creation of a Task Force on Police Accountability to recommend specific policy and operational reforms to law enforcement in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Composed of experts in criminal justice and policing issues, the Task Force is charged with improving independent oversight of police misconduct, determining how best to ensure that police officers with repeated complaints are identified and appropriately dealt with, and recommending best practices for the release of information surrounding police-involved incidents; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force will actively engage with victims' rights groups, community members, law enforcement, and youth, religious, and elected leaders to ensure that its recommendations take into account the perspectives and input of all Chicagoans, and will present those recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on or before March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, As co-equal guardians of the public trust, the Members of this Body have a duty and responsibility to vigilantly work to repair the damage to the City caused by this event, and to help lead the City of Chicago, through sensible reform, to a better future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this ninth day of December, 2015, do hereby reassert the need for an examination of our City's Police Department practices and procedures with an eye towards much-needed reform; and  
Ed M. Burke Alderman.

Ariel Reboyras Alderman, 30<sup>th</sup> Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Police Accountability identify and recommend meaningful reforms and begin restoring the public's trust and respect for the men and women of the C.P.D.