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RESOLUTION PCUCLOPM<r

WHEREAS. The Office of Inspector General released a report in September 2018 regarding how the Chicago Police Department ("CPD") manages school resource officers assigned to Chicago Public Schools ("CPS "); and

WHEREAS, Across the country, school resource officers ("SROs") are assigned to public school districts to help ensure safe and secure learning environments for students; and

WHEREAS. The report found several deficiencies in CPD's School Resource Officer ("SRO") program, including the absence of a legal agreement between CPD and CPS, as well as problems with CPD's recruitment, selection, placement, training, evaluations, and specification of roles and responsibilities of its SROs; and

WHEREAS. In an effort to implement best practices for the SRO program, the Inspector General made a series of recommendations and invited CPD to provide a response to those recommendations; and

WHEREAS. CPD's response addressed several of the Inspector General's findings and recommendations, but neglected several critical issues that were raised in the report; and

WHEREAS, CPD's response did not acknowledge the following recommendations in the report: to include community stakeholders in the creation of a memorandum of understanding ("MOU"), to create hiring guidelines in consultation with community stakeholders; to state the purpose of the SRO partnership with CPS in the MOU: to define the data and information to be shared between CPD and CPS, to establish performance evaluations for SROs, and to maintain and regularly update rosters of SROs, and

WHEREAS, It is the City's obligation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all of its residents, and in particular the vulnerable student population who attend CPS schools; and

WHEREAS. In furtherance of this obligation, the City must ensure that the SRO program is operating in a manner aligned with national best practices; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this eighteenth day of September, 2019, do hereby call upon the City Council Committee on Public Safety to convene a hearing concerning CPD's failure to respond to the foregoing recommendations contained in the September 2018 report from the Office of Inspector General concerning Student Resource Officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call upon CPD's Superintendent, or his knowledgeable designee, President of CPS, Janice Jackson, Deputy Inspector General (Safety) Joseph Lipari and other individuals with pertinent knowledge, to attend this hearing in order to provide responses to the foregoing items concerning the Student Resource Officer program.

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