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Be it ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Chicago, that the Chicago Police Department and the Department of Law, in consultation with the Office ofthe Inspector General, henceforth referred to as the Database Working Group, shall establish a new gang database based on the following:

1) The Database Working Group shall provide any and all ordinances and policy measures required to enact a modern gang database six months from passage of this order.
2) Allow for meaningful, deliberate and inclusive discussion with community stakeholders, victims, and residents ofthe City of Chicago.
3) The Database Working Group must adopt a concise and accurate legal definition of "criminal gang members" and review all associated policies within the Chicago Police Department are accurate and legal when evaluating possible gang association and designation criteria.
4) The Database Working Group shall construct a database that is data driven and focuses on violence reduction within the seventy-seven communities within the City of Chicago.
5) Individuals who self-identify as gang members shall immediately be placed on the database. Individuals may be placed on the database by the Chicago Police Department or other partner agencies if they meet the criteria set forth in Item 3.
6) Any individual must receive written notice of their placement on the database within thirty days of registry. The Database Working Group is tasked with identifying a proper mechanism and venue to challenge an individual's database registration.
7) The Database Working Group must provide individuals on the current database as well as future registrants on the modernized database avenues for removal:
   a) Current database registrants that have been arrested by the Chicago Police Department or any associated partnering agency within the last three years shall be registered onto the new database.
   b) Current database registrants that have not been arrested by the Chicago Police Department or any associated partnering agency within the last three years would not be registered onto the new database and thereby removed.
   c) Current juvenile database registrants and their families shall be required to receive family counseling if they do not meet guidelines for non-transfer as stipulated in Item 7-a ofthis Order. Failure to do so would result in their registration onto the new database.

    d) Individuals on the new database shall be provided automatic relief and removal if they have not had any contact with the Chicago Police Department

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or associated partnering agencies within three years ofthe original database registration date.
    e) Individuals on the database that have at minimum three arrests with associated criminal gang membership or activity within one year ofthe first arrest OR are unable to qualify for removal after a period of five years from the first arrest shall be deemed dangers to society and labeled as "urban terrorists" for the purposes of accessing funds to combat their illegal and dangerous activities.

The Database Working Group shall coordinate with external agencies to determine proper data sharing and access policies consistent with the Municipal Code of Chicago, including the Welcoming City Ordinance.

An annual audit of the database and its governing ordinances and policies must take place in order to provide the public with all pertinent information associated with the database, including but not limited to:
    a) All external agencies and departments with access to the database.
    b) Complete list count with all associated demographic and arrest/criminal history information.
    c) Verification of all written database registration notifications.
    d) Automatic and appealed removals and all associated demographic and arrest/criminal history information.
    e) Corresponding anti-violence initiatives and social services by ZIP code.