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## Legislation Text

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Joint Committee on Public Safety and Health and Human Relations  
January 24, 2021 City Council

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HEARING ON THE CITY OF CHICAGO STATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS AND ITS STRATEGY TO ADDRESSING INCREASING VIOLENCE AHEAD OF POST PANDEMIC SUMMER**

WHEREAS, In 2020 the number of homicides and shootings in Chicago spiked to an all-time high ending with 769 homicides - 274 more than the previous year and 4,033 shooting victims; and it does not seem let up as we begin the 2021 year; and

WHEREAS, Chicago, the nation's third largest city, saw hundreds more homicides than either New York or Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS Law enforcement officials and experts around the U.S have pointed to social and economic upheaval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, public sentiment toward police following Floyd's death and historic shortage of jobs and resources in poorer communities as contributing factors, as well as lack of faith in government; and

WHEREAS, The city of Chicago moves towards a recovery plan we must take the time to assess the state of social services available in our city and take necessary steps to not only restore the public's faith in its government, but to be bold and address the violence in our city at its core; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby call upon the Committee on Public Safety and Health and Human Relations to convene a joint hearing to discuss the state of social services, programs and its strategy to addressing increasing violence ahead of this year's spring and summer months; and BYRON SIGCHO-LOPEZ Alderman, 25<sup>th</sup> Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call upon The Department of Family and Support Services, as well as Metropolitan Family Services, city wide agencies, and any other relevant city department or agency to testify and comment on the current needs of our communities to better understand what is needed to address the current violence and fear that our residents across Chicago are experiencing.

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January 27, 2021

The following list of aldermen have requested their names to be included in the record as co-sponsors on the proposed RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HEARING ON THE CITY OF CHICAGO STATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS attached hereto regarding its strategy to addressing increasing violence ahead of post pandemic summer which is hereby submitted for introduction at the City Council meeting of 01/27/2021 and referral to the Committee on Public Safety and Health & Human Relations .

Daniel LaSpata	(1 )
Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez	(33 )
Carlos Ramirez-Rosa	(35 )
Jeanette Taylor	(20 )
Michael Rodriguez	(22 )
Matt Martin	(47 )
Maria Hadden	(49 )
Andre Vasquez	(40 )

James Cappleman	(46 )
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Very truly yours,

Byron Sigcho-Lopez, (Ward 25)