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**COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ANNOUNCE
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON FINALISTS FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF CHICAGO
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

CHICAGO- On Thursday July 13, the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability will complete a four month process of selecting nominees to serve as the next Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department. According to Commission President Anthony Driver, "As soon as former Superintendent Brown announced that he would be retiring, the Commission swung into action. We've held dozens of meetings to get input from people across the city, including civilians and police officers, and from local and national experts, and we've carefully reviewed applications and interviewed candidates. We're looking forward to selecting the top three candidates and sharing their names with the Mayor later this week."

The process officially began when former Superintendent David Brown's resignation took effect on March 16, 2023. On April 7, 2023, the Commission initiated a nationwide search for the next Superintendent. As mandated by city Ordinance, when a vacancy occurs in the office of Superintendent, the Commission is responsible for identifying and presenting three candidates to the Mayor. President Anthony Driver expressed, "Our Commission meticulously crafted a detailed and comprehensive application brochure, which was disseminated nationwide and through our CCPSA website. Our goal was to attract a diverse pool of candidates, showcasing a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and leadership abilities. It was crucial to identify individuals who have the skills to increase public safety, deliver systemwide reform, support officer wellness, and build and cultivate deep and lasting trust in communities across our city."

The Commission received 54 applications for the position of Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department.

President Driver noted, "Throughout the entire process, the Commission has remained committed to transparency, community engagement, and a thorough evaluation of candidates." As an integral part of the search process, the Commission held seven public forums, including virtual and bilingual sessions, providing an opportunity for members of the public to provide recommendations that informed the selection of Superintendent candidates.

To ensure inclusivity, the Commission administered surveys on their website, gathering 250 responses from the civilians and 270 responses from police personnel. Commissioners also met with three police unions—including open listening sessions with the Fraternal Order of Police, and meetings with leaders of the unions representing Sergeants and Lieutenants. Additionally, over two dozen subject matter experts were interviewed, including law enforcement personnel, academics, public safety practitioners, and outreach workers. Meetings were also held with various community sectors including labor, legal aid, social service agencies, business groups, faith organizations, activists, and advocacy groups.

President Driver emphasized the importance of community- driven decision-making, “We wanted to ensure that the selection process was shaped by community input, reflecting a wide range of perspectives. We are grateful for the valuable feedback and insights we received from the diverse range of stakeholders throughout this process.”

The Commission rigorously reviewed each application and conducted multiple rounds of interviews to evaluate candidates. A comprehensive rubric, developed based on the standards outlined in the application brochure, guided the assessment of qualifications, experience, leadership abilities, and alignment with the goals and values of the Commission.

Commissioner Remel Terry affirmed, “We take great pride in the extensive and thorough search process we have undertaken. It is a testament to our commitment to finding the most qualified candidates who can effectively lead the Chicago Police Department and address the evolving needs of our city.”

The Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability will meet in closed session on Thursday, July 13 to review the results of background checks that were conducted. Then the Commission will hold a special public meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at Kennedy- King College Auditorium (740 W 63rd Street, Chicago, IL 60621) at 6:30pm to vote on the three finalists for the position of Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department. The names of the nominees will be presented to Mayor Brandon Johnson for consideration. As per ordinance, within 30 days of receiving the list of nominees, the Mayor will either select one of these candidates, or reject the candidates and request a new list.

The Commission invites all members of the public to attend the meeting and participate in this historic decision-making process. It is an opportunity for the community to witness the dedication and transparency with which the Commission approached the selection of the next Superintendent.

The Commission will be available to address any inquiries from the press following the conclusion of the public meeting.

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