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**MAYOR EMANUEL STATEMENT ON POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ORDINANCE**

"Several months ago, we began the process to reform the entire police accountability system to ensure investigations of officers are independent, fair, timely and transparent. The ordinance today is the result of a lot of hard work and significant community input. But the path forward will be about more than just the words on a page, it will be about implementation, culture and building community trust in the system of police accountability."

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**JOINT STATEMENT FROM CHAIRMEN REBOYRAS AND AUSTIN ON POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ORDINANCE**

"We are pleased to have been part of the process all along to implement real, concrete changes to the City's police accountability system, including the extensive community engagement conducted in partnership with the City to solicit feedback throughout the process of drafting such an important ordinance. While the critical importance of the functions established by the ordinance and the urgency of the issue dictates that we must address it expeditiously, it is also imperative that we continue to include the voice of all Chicagoans in the process. Therefore, in an effort to ensure that everyone in Chicago has the ability to weigh in on the ordinance, there will be additional time given to review and discuss it, and additional City Council hearings scheduled, before the ordinance is voted on at a special City Council hearing on September 29. We look forward to continuing to work with the Mayor, our colleagues and key stakeholders in the coming weeks in the next phase of the process towards implementing a system that demonstrates our commitment to transparency and fairness, while ensuring the police and the public have the certainty they deserve as it relates to our system of accountability."

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Police Accountability Ordinance
- Fact Sheet on the Police Accountability Ordinance