

COLLAB POST FOR INDIVIDUALS:

CALLING ALL CHICAGOANS! In this city we don't just *believe* in justice and power for our communities, we **fight** for it until we win! We invite you to get involved in the historic struggle for COMMUNITY POWER OVER POLICE and help us to spread the word and grow the movement to pass the CPOP referendum by collab-posting the main CPOP graphic with five people in your community that you'd like to invite to get involved. Follow the steps on the second slide to collab-post!

We will pass the Community Power Over Policing (CPOP) referendum by mobilizing our wards and fellow constituents to call and demand their alder-people to support and pass it. By speaking with our neighbors, distributing flyers all over the city, posting and sharing graphics on social media and making sure our community knows about this referendum and is involved in the fight to win community power over the police with this referendum.

We build power by coming together and uniting in action. When we unite to pass the CPOP referendum, we strengthen our mechanisms as the strongest democratically elected body for police accountability in the country to decide and wield power over police. Not only will this be historic, it will bring real public safety to our communities, and help bring an end to police tyranny.

Visit caarpr.org/cpop-toolkit to download the graphic for posting. There are additional graphics to share via social media or email or to print out and display or hand out in your neighborhoods. We need all hands on deck to demand Community Power over Police! Read more at caarpr.org

FOR ORGANIZATIONS:

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QUOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY:

“We want [safety]. But we don’t want the ones wearing the uniforms... the ones who are supposed to protect us... to be the ones victimizing us. And far too often that happens. [...] If it happens once, that is one time too many.”

- Otis Buckley (sp?), President/Founder, Total Blackout for Reform Chicago

“We need to know how [Chicago Police Department is] spending our money. [...] We need to have a say...”

- Donna, community member

“The City is already almost \$2B in on paying down people who were wrongfully convicted and tortured by the Chicago Police Department. The referendum would only add [more power] to what we already gained back in 2021 from when the ECPS ordinance was passed.”

- Jasmine Smith, activist, CAARPR

“The [Fraternal Order of Police] contract is why we can never hold the police fully accountable for when they kill us with no probable cause or use excessive force against us.”

- Jasmine Smith, activist, CAARPR

“We need to hold the police accountable because if not, citizens end up holding the bag. [...] When corrupt detectives [and other law enforcement] wrongfully convict and torture [people], and it is proven that these citizens are not guilty, there are HUGE lawsuits. If I’m held accountable, and you’re held accountable, for wrongs that [we] do... EVERYBODY should be held accountable.

- Norma, community member whose nephew was wrongfully convicted and incarcerated for 46 years in a case involving corrupt Chicago detective Brian P. Forberger

“I believe that we, citizens of Chicago, should have a seat at the table when a [police union] contract is written or drawn up because there are too many instances where the police have gone out and done these egregious acts that cause the loss of life of adults and children alike.”

- Adeline, community member

“[The police] should be able to – based on training – de-escalate situations instead of escalate it. [...] If the police were held accountable, then they would think twice before they pull out their weapon and discharge it.”

- Adeline, community member

We need more community power over policing in Chicago because they have been getting away with decades of wrongful convictions, murders, beatings, and torture.”

- David, community member who experienced torture at the hands of the Chicago Police Department

“We need more community power over the policing in Chicago because [Chicago police officers] are not held accountable for their actions. Everyone knows throughout history that Chicago police have been on the wrong side of the law. In order for the cops to be fair to us, we as a people need to make them accountable for their actions.”

- Steven, community member

“We need more community power over policing because there’s no way you should get shot for a traffic stop.”

- Requia, community member

“We need more accountability. The thing is.. If you have good police, you will know. And if you don’t, you will also know. We need [involvement around] the accountability of the police force.”

- Donald, community member

“We have people who have spent their lives behind bars because of wrongful convictions and unlawful seizures and searches.”

- Teaira, community member

“These are people we put our trust in. They are supposed to serve and protect us and our community... and they do not do any of that. We need [police] abuses to stop today.”

- Teaira, community member

“Tax payers are paying hundreds of millions of dollars EVERY YEAR to settle cases of misconduct. These are officers who are supposed to serve and protect, but instead brutalize members of our community and wrongfully convict them. Chicago is the [police] torture capital of the United States. That ain't right. We need to hold the police accountable, and to do that, we need community power over policing.”

- Gabriel, community member

“We need more community power over policing because right now we have a Police Superintendent who's refusing to follow the Chicago Police Department's own internal rules about extremists on the force. We have 8 identified Oath Keeper cops. The Office of Inspector General has compared this situation to the 1960s when CPD [ironically] did follow its own policies to root out KKK members from the force. As people, we need say in who our Police Superintendent is. We need a Police Superintendent who will enforce CPD's policies on extremist activities.”

- Grace, community member