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Impact for Equity’s Joint Comment on the Chicago Police Department’s 2025 Budget

Chicago, Illinois—Today, Impact for Equity Executive Director Cara Hendrickson, former Chief of the Public Interest Division in the Illinois Attorney General’s Office, and Walter Katz, former Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety for the Mayor’s Office, submitted a joint [public comment](#) on the Chicago Police Department’s (CPD) FY2025 budget.

Having sat on opposite sides of the negotiation table to finalize the CPD consent decree, Hendrickson and Katz are deeply invested in CPD’s commitments to reform. They see the proposed CPD budget cuts to key departments like the Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform as critically undermining reform efforts and sending a message to officers and the public that the consent decree does not need to be taken seriously. The short-term savings of \$50 million pales in comparison to the significant costs of refusing reform, evidenced by hundreds of millions spent in CPD-involved judgments and settlements in prior years. “While we were on opposite sides of the table while the consent decree was negotiated,” they write, “we stand together in calling on the City Council to demand that the needed reform be fully funded.”

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