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GAPA COALITION ANNOUNCES 2024-2025 AGENDA

GAPA Coalition partners launch new campaign to strengthen district councils and build meaningful community involvement

CHICAGO, IL — Today, the Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability (GAPA) announced a series of new campaign priorities it will pursue through the end of 2024 and into 2025 in an effort to strengthen district councils and build meaningful community involvement in public meetings as part of the ongoing police accountability movement.

As CCPSA district councilors enter the second year of their first full term in public office, the GAPA coalition plans to continue playing a major role in ensuring the wider community is educated and engaged with district councilors as they continue to build out community support and develop structure for their monthly public meeting.

GAPA's campaign platform prioritizes support for, and increased awareness of, Chicago's new police accountability councils in each of the city's 22 police precincts.

- District Councilor Development and Training

Develop new and organize existing resources for district councilors to help them run effective meetings, build stronger political relationships, advance the police accountability movement, and foster creative spaces for alternative responses to public safety concerns at the neighborhood level.

- Community Participation in District Council Meetings

Assemble a neighborhood-level database of community organizations to share weekly updates for upcoming district council meetings and conduct teach-ins and seminars on ECPS and ongoing police issues to improve community meeting attendance, meaningful civic engagement, and expand the police accountability movement across the City.

- More Funding for Councilors and Meetings

Work with the ECPS coalition, philanthropy, and accountability partners within the City to increase the salary and expand the budget for district councilors to accurately reflect the workload necessary to execute the expectations of the office successfully.

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The Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability (GAPA) is a diverse, Chicago-based coalition united by a common demand for safer neighborhoods through equitable and just community policing practices, community-led oversight, and transparent, accountable policing that serves the needs of all Chicagoans. In 2021, the GAPA Coalition worked with CAARPR And the Chicago City Council to create and pass the Empowering Communities for Public Safety Ordinance.