



WHAT ARE OUR PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES?

- First of all we believe the police are the cutting edge of the new Jim Crow policies of mass incarceration, and that stopping police crimes is a vital strategic facet of the struggle to end mass incarceration, and the cradle-to-prison pipeline in our communities.
- We also believe that the police too often act as agents of racist and political repression of oppressed people of color and the progressive peoples movement. In the past through COINTELPRO, in the present through 'intelligence-led policing' and 'fusion centers', the police are used to repress and deny the democratic rights of the people to organize and protest.
- We believe democratic civilian control of the police means cutting the ties between the police and criminals because it is precisely the police who: turn a blind eye to those who bring guns and drugs into our communities, who set one "gang" against another and who get a cut of the drug profits. The people in the communities under siege are well aware of the role of the police.
- We believe democratic civilian control of the police means the community tells the police what to do. We believe democratic civilian control of the police means the empowering of the people to initiate prosecution of the police for crimes. We believe democratic civilian control of the police means the community that is policed writes the rules and regulations governing the police. We believe democratic civilian control of the police means the Superintendent and the District Commanders are accountable to the people, and the people can decide how they want their community to be policed.

These shall be the principles that inform our policies as we go about the business of building a mass movement to stop police crimes at every level of government, but starting at the local level.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Sign & share the CPAC petition, download copies from our website **StopPoliceCrimes.com**
- Join us on FB Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression
- Tell your neighbors, friends, community organizations, church
- Come to a meeting, Stop Police Crimes meets at 6pm every Monday at 1325 S Wabash, Suite #105, Chicago

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DEMAND A CIVILIAN POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COUNCIL



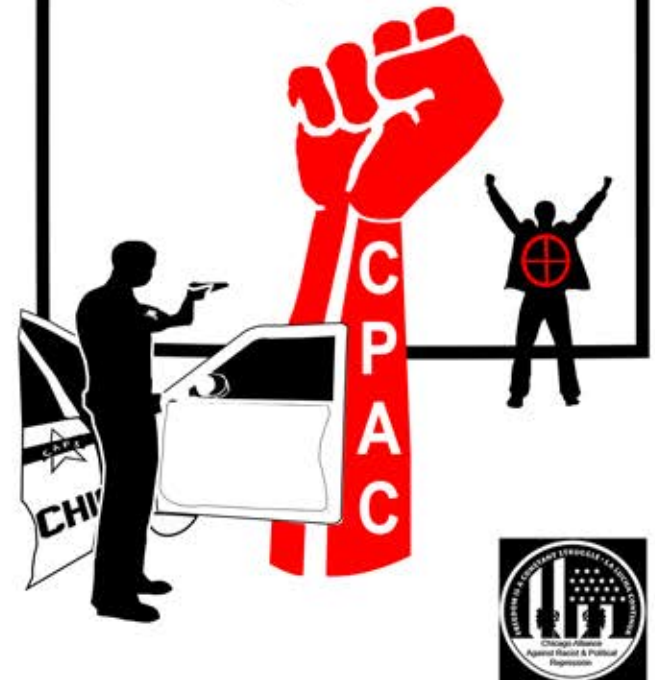
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THE PEOPLE'S GUIDE TO AN ELECTED

CIVILIAN POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COUNCIL by Stop Police Crimes

a campaign of the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression

How do we stop the Chicago police from terrorizing our neighborhoods, from racial profiling, murdering and torturing our communities? ... By demanding a systemic change, by demanding community control of the police where cops are held accountable for their crimes, and communities decide and control how they are policed. How do we get there? ... By fighting for an elected Civilian Police Accountability Council





**THE STOP POLICE CRIMES CAMPAIGN
AND THE FIGHT TO ESTABLISH
CIVILIAN CONTROL OF THE
CHICAGO POLICE**



WHO IS THE CAMPAIGN? The Stop Police Crimes campaign primarily consists of victims and survivors of police crimes: torture, murder, the wrongfully convicted and their families, churches, community-based organizations, trade unions, youth groups /organizations, and all the various strands of the peoples movement for progressive social change. Most importantly the campaign also consists of individuals like you, who sign our petitions, come to our meetings and join in our protests and marches. Our overall strategic goal is to get legislation passed through the City Council that will create an elected Civilian Police Accountability Council.

WHAT IS A CIVILIAN POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COUNCIL? The Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (CAARPR) together with representatives of many community-based organizations, drafted a proposal for establishing a democratically elected, Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC) in Chicago. This draft legislation outlines the creation of a council, an office of the municipal government consisting of *elected* community members from all police districts of the city.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CPAC LEGISLATION: The CPAC shall have the authority to:

- Appoint the Superintendent of Police.
- Re-write the police rule book, including all use of force guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures, Rules, and General Orders.
- Provide increased transparency of all investigations, including police involved shootings, and greater statistical analysis of demographic information of complaints by type and victim.

- Investigate all police shootings
- Thoroughly investigate all allegations of police misconduct and violations of the US Constitution and Human Rights law.
- Be the final authority regarding discipline in the Chicago Police Department.
- Refer cases to the U. S. Federal Grand Jury and the U. S. Attorney, seeking indictments of police officers for crimes they commit.
- Establish its own budget
- CPAC will replace the current rubber-stamp Police Board.
- CPAC will take over the job of the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) and eliminate it.
- CPAC will reduce bias and guarantee fair treatment of victims of police misconduct.
- CPAC will be elected by residents in each Police District; the CPAC will have racially and ethnically equitable and proportional representation .

SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL CPAC POWERS & DUTIES:

Each elected member of the CPAC shall appoint two deputies who will serve with the member in the police station of the district to which the member was elected. The deputies must be residents of the district. Each deputy will be paid the same base salary as a Chicago police officer. The member and the two deputies as a panel are empowered:

- To receive and register all complaints filed against members of the department in the CPAC member's district.

- To conduct investigations into complaints against members of the department concerning domestic violence, excessive force, coercion, and verbal abuse.
- To conduct investigations into all cases in which a department member discharges his or her firearm, stun gun, or taser in a manner which potentially could strike an individual, even if no allegation of misconduct is made.
- To review all cases settled by the Department of Law in which a complaint register was filed against a member of the department in that district, and if in the opinion of the CPAC member, further investigation is warranted, to conduct such investigation.
- To forward all other complaints filed against members of the Department to the Department's Internal Affairs Division as well as to the full CPAC
- To request information related to an investigation from any employee or officer of the district.
- To issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses for purposes of examination and the production of documents and other items for inspection and/or duplication.
- To be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to handle immediate complaints lodged against the Department in that district.
- To sit in on officer performance evaluations.
- To suspend the police powers of any officer involved in a shooting pending a complete investigation.

**See full text of CPAC legislation at:
naarpr.org/legislation-create-cpac/**