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Where: Chicago City Hall, 121 N LaSalle, 2nd Floor

Advocates of community control of police to attend City Council meeting Wednesday

People from community organizations, labor unions, and religious leaders will converge on the meeting of the City Council this Wednesday to demand enactment of legislation creating and empowering an all-elected Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC). A news conference will take place before the Council meeting at 9:00 am on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, outside the Council chamber.

“People are boiling about the refusal of Mayor Rahm Emanuel to so far even consider legislation that’s been on his desk for over three years,” said Frank Chapman, Chairperson of the Stop Police Crimes Organizing Committee and Field Organizer of the Chicago Alliance. Hundreds of people demonstrated for this ordinance as long ago as August, 2013, marching on City Hall, and over 3,000 marched there for it last August. The SPCOC has gathered almost 35,000 signatures in support of the ordinance throughout Chicago and the offices of many aldermen have been inundated with postcards urging them to support it.

Chapman compared the proposals reportedly being considered by the mayor to re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. “As long as the police are accountable only to the mayor nothing will change,” Chapman said. “He has never acknowledged the existence of this proposal supported by the broadest coalition of forces ever assembled in any city for community control of the police. People are outraged over the killings and shootings that go unabated and the mayor has done nothing but try to cover up the crimes and his own responsibility for them.

“We need CPAC, and the time to pass it is NOW!”

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