**Public Comment on CPD’s New Gang Database –**

**“Criminal Enterprise Information System” Policy (S10-02-01)**

* For years, community and civil rights groups have advocated for CPD to end its harmful, highly inaccurate, and racially discriminatory gang database.
* As the City’s Office of Inspector General found, CPD’s gang database is “deeply flawed” because it lacked controls on how people end up in the database and ways for people to get off the database. And CPD disproportionately identified Black and Latinx community members as gang members: 95% of people in the database were Black or Latinx.
* CPD’s newly proposed gang database—the “Criminal Enterprise Information System”—is completely unacceptable because it does not fix these deeply troubling issues.
* There is no evidence that this gang database—like its long line of failed predecessors—will keep communities safe or help fight crime.
* In addition, in developing the new database, CPD failed to meaningfully engage with communities directly harmed by CPD’s pattern of violent and discriminatory policing, including people harmed by the current database.
* CPD hasn’t even addressed the longstanding concerns about the current and prior versions of the database that impacted communities and the Office of Inspector General have raised publicly for years.
* The Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability, the City’s civilian police oversight body, has raised critical questions about the proposed database, including whether individuals included in prior versions of the database will have their names carried over to the new proposed database and how people who are wrongfully designated can clear their names. CPD has failed to answer these crucial questions.
* CPD has never even demonstrated that it needs a gang database in the first place or that a gang database, in any form, is effective at ensuring public safety and can be administered without discriminating against Black and brown Chicagoans.
* CPD has never shown that it uses the gang database in ways that keep community members safe from retaliatory gang-related violence.
* CPD should not use the proposed gang database because it will lead to wrongful designations and continue a pattern of racially biased policing.