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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL ISSUES STATEMENT ON INDEPENDENT MONITOR AND SPECIAL MASTER SELECTED TO OVERSEE CONSENT DECREE**

***Consent Decree to Be Enforced by Federal Judge & Overseen by Independent Monitor with Monitor Team***

**Chicago** — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today issued the following statement regarding Judge Robert Dow’s appointment of Maggie Hickey, a former federal prosecutor and former executive inspector general, to oversee the implementation of the Chicago police consent decree.

“I am pleased that Judge Dow selected the independent monitor to begin to oversee implementation of the consent decree so that we can roll up our sleeves and get to work,” Raoul said. “Now that all of the pieces are in place, we can begin the process of reforming the police department to restore residents’ trust in the officers sworn to protect them.”

In his order appointing Hickey as independent monitor, Judge Dow also appointed retired U.S. District Judge David H. Coar to serve as a special master assisting the court. Implementation and monitoring of the many requirements in the consent decree now take effect, with upcoming deadlines and actions, including the requirement of Hickey and her team to make public within 90 days a monitoring plan for the consent decree that includes timelines and its methodology for reviewing compliance.

“Maggie Hickey’s experience as a former federal prosecutor and former executive inspector general will be beneficial as she assists Judge Dow in enforcing the consent decree, one of the most expansive in the country, and overseeing the implementation of comprehensive reform of CPD’s policies and practices,” Raoul said. “I am particularly pleased that Judge Dow’s made the additional appointment of a special master in this case. Judge Coar is uniquely qualified to assist the court, and I look forward to working with the independent monitor, the monitoring team and the special master to reform the practices of the police department.”

Also under the consent decree, the city and CPD must develop and implement a number of provisions, including issuing a training bulletin on when officers should point a firearm at a person, track the frequency with which officers engage in foot pursuits, and develop certain policies related to increasing accountability and transparency in the investigation of officer misconduct.

During the first 90 days, the Attorney General’s Office will review new policies and implementation plans developed by CPD that are required by the consent decree. As part of its review, it may comment or object if it believes improvements are needed.

To find more information, visit the [Attorney General’s consent decree website](#).