

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Global Strategy Group  
RE: Chicago survey results  
DATE: January 28, 2016

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### **Chicagoans Say Emanuel's Police Reforms Will Have An Impact**

*Most believe CPD problems are long-standing and Mayor should have chance to fix them*

A majority of Chicagoans believe that the reforms put in place by Mayor Rahm Emanuel to address police misconduct issues will have an impact on the Chicago Police Department according to a citywide survey of voters conducted by Global Strategy Group.<sup>1</sup> Most recognize the recent police-involved shootings to be a continuation of a long-time problem in the city that pre-dates the Mayor's tenure and that Emanuel should be given the opportunity to restore trust and accountability to CPD.

Key findings are as follows:

- **An overwhelming majority say Emanuel's CPD reforms will have an impact.** When presented with the list of recent actions by the Mayor to address police misconduct - replacing his police chief, increasing the number of body cameras, appointing an independent task force to change police procedures, and overhauling the independent police review authority – 73% of Chicagoans say the reforms will have an impact. Only 24% believe they will have no impact on the problems facing CPD.
- **Every community believes the Mayor's efforts will make a difference.** Large majorities of Hispanic (79%), African-American (75%), and white (73%) Chicagoans say Emanuel's reforms will have an impact on the issues facing CPD.
- **Chicagoans recognize that police shootings are not a new problem.** Most Chicagoans (80%) say that the issue of police-involved shootings is a long-time problem, and just 15% believe they are a recent issue unique to Mayor Emanuel's time in office.
- **There is strong support for giving Emanuel a chance to fix CPD.** A majority of Chicagoans (51%) say that Emanuel should have an opportunity to restore trust and accountability to the city's police department, including a majority of African-American, Hispanic, and white voters.

In sum, Chicagoans do not believe that police-related shootings are a phenomena limited to Mayor Rahm Emanuel's time in office. Most say they are a long-standing problem that the Mayor should be given an opportunity to fix, and a majority believes that the reforms already put in place by Emanuel will have an impact at the Chicago Police Department.

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<sup>1</sup> This survey was conducted among 842 voters in the city of Chicago on January 26 and 27, 2016 utilizing Interactive Voice Response (IVR) technology. Special care was taken to ensure the demographic and regional distribution of the sample reflects that of a typical citywide electorate. The margin of error at the 95% confidence level is +/- 3.4 percentage points on the overall sample.