

14. Below are the dates of DC 017's public meetings for the remainder of 2024 calendar:

- September 19
- October 17
- November 19
- December 19

Barring unforeseen circumstances, if you are appointed for the vacancy before the end of 2024, will you be able to attend all of the 2024 meeting dates of the District Council that remain at the time of your appointment? *

- Yes
- No

6. PADDY

Open-Ended Questions

Please observe any listed word limits.

15. Why do you want to serve as a District Council Member in the 17th Police District? *

250 word limit

I am encouraged by specific policy changes and hearings that have been made possible through the CCPSA and District Councils' work since their creation, and I believe in their potential ability to create accountability for police misconduct, challenge the CPD's historic resistance to reform, and to listen to and answer the community's concerns about police interactions.

Enter your answer

16. What do you think are the most important accountability and/or public safety issues facing the 17th Police District and how will you work on them? *

250 word limit

The 17th Police District has had several instances of police misconduct occur without censure or accountability following a complaint. There is an officer in the 17th with past affiliation with the Oath Keepers militia group, remaining in a community-facing role following an incomplete BIA investigation. There are several community demands that echo city-wide concerns about the CPD's use of "tactical teams" and conducting pretextual traffic stops in order to conduct vehicle searches. The role of our district councilors is to collect this feedback, these concerns from the community, and advocate for our demands to the CCPSA, working with other district councilors across the city collaboratively where common issues extend across district borders.

17. Each District Council has a Chair, a Community Engagement Coordinator, and a Nominating Committee Member. If selected to serve on this District Council, your specific position would be that of **Chair**. Please note the role of the chair is very independent and part of the role includes being the primary contact with the 17th District Commander and staff. What does the role of Chair mean to you and how are you prepared to serve in this role? (Read more about the District Council roles here: https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/chicago/latest/chicago_il/0-0-0-2693661#JD_2-80-070) *

250 word limit

I believe the chief responsibility of the Chair is to manage the logistical planning, delegation, and coordination of tasks necessary to conduct district council business and hold the monthly public meetings. The strict requirements of the Open Meeting Act directing how councilors communicate and work together and independently and the necessary time needed to find time and space, promote and publish the event, and coordinate with CCPSA staff in order to achieve a well-attended, hybrid-accessible, well-conducted meeting require a fine attention to detail, an ability to manage and meet multiple deadlines, and an ability to coordinate communications and ensure details are not dropped or siloed. Much of my account management experience leaned heavily on scheduling on-site and remote events, coordinating information about multiple teams working parallel to make sure none are left out, meeting with intimidating and sometimes hostile executives, and managing customer deadlines with multiple reminders and offers to assist. I feel confident I would be able to perform the Chair's responsibilities well.

18. Please describe what a productive relationship with the police in the 17th District would look like? What role will you take in building that relationship? *

250 word limit

A productive relationship with the police would require a documented, though brief, communication plan to set expectations, ideally requiring a monthly or bi-monthly conversation with the Commander or proxy from 17th District leadership (Lt. or higher). This conversation would cover any community or council requests and responses to the 17th District, and likewise any requests or notes from CPD would be taken by the Council. I would hold the CPD to their stated value of professionalism, and would behave respectfully and professionally in term. I have heard CPD leaders state limits on what they are able to discuss with the public, and I am personally interested in exploring what answers and information we can get from a productive relationship with the 17th District leadership.

19. The 17th District Council is committed to advancing and promoting diverse voices within the 17th Police District and the City of Chicago. How would you support the District Council duties as described in the ordinance? Please include any relevant experience. (Read more about District Council duties here: https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/chicago/latest/chicago_il/0-0-0-2693661#JD_2-80-070) *

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I want to help bring these voices to the District Council and advance and promote them to the CCPSA, but I will need help. Having the Chair duties executed well and early allows for more opportunity to promote the meeting and get the word out. A specific meeting held to discuss ways to make the meetings and council more inclusive and accessible would help make sure we're directing our communication well. Making these meetings consistent, accessible, and promoted within the district is the foundation for making a space for diverse voices.

20. OPTIONAL: Is there anything else you would like to add about your skills and experiences that make you uniquely qualified for this position?

250 word limit

I have been attending the 17th Police District Council meetings as consistently as I can, and I have joined special meetings and offered public comment to echo my feelings about meeting logistics and planning tasks, as well as the key police accountability issues I recognize in our district. I am hopeful that you recognize my commitment to the success of this District Council and its advocacy on behalf of our neighbors and will include me in the recommendations to the Community Commission. Thank you for your attention!

Resume and Candidate Questionnaire

Please remember to email your resume or biography to Anna.Mangahas@cityofchicago.org.

21. Did you email your resume or biography? *

Yes

No

22. If selected, are you able to be interviewed in person on Tuesday, September 24, 4:30pm - 7pm, Wednesday, September 25, 5:30pm - 8pm or Friday, September 27 if needed. *

Yes

No