

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

7. CHARLES

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

The reason that I would love to serve as District council member in my beloved 17th District is to give a voice to the people in my community. As a kid growing in the Southside of Chicago I saw the injustice that had been hampered by the police department against the underprivileged low income immigrant community in my neighborhood. I had seen how my mothers strength of standing up for people's rights when the police department violated them in ways of abuse of power. For many of these people they were too scared to speak up because of their immigration status or just didn't know their rights. As a person of combat during my military days my belief had changed on why the wars were wrong in Afghanistan and Iraq of costly lives. I had been an outspoken critic of them and became part of the Anti War Movement for trying to stop the unjust wars and I feel I can do the same as a District councilor for speaking for the people who don't feel they don't have a voice in our community.

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 most important part of accountability in the 17th district is the high racial profiling statistics rate of Black and Brown population being pulled over after dark, especially in my ward the 39th which is the highest in the northwest side of Chicago. I will work with the 17th district police by giving them statistical facts and working together in reversing this problem. Even if that means going to the station everyday to address this issue I will do it.

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

The Chair role means to me being responsible and taking this position as the utmost serious. I am here for the population of my community but not just my community, the whole of Chicago as I am a Chicagoan from my heart. I am accountable to the people I serve. They are truly in my heart. That's why I am applying for this position because I want to help the people of my community not to gain any notoriety or fame or power. Anyone that knows me I'm not shy to push issues for the better for the people. And I would be in contact with the Commander of the 17th district and staff. Just need the chance to do it.

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 role with the 17th police district is communication that is the key to many things in life in general. I would definitely try to bring the community and the 17th police district together but my main job is to make sure that the concerns of our community are heard. I would be involved in getting to know the police department of the 17th district. IN any relationship trying to get to know someone makes communication easier. Respect is the main course giving respect and receiving respect back. But the main key is communication between the District council and 17th police district.

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 would support any voice that needs to be heard, young, the elderly, women and people of any color that wants to be heard because they feel they are not. Diversity is very important especially in my community as Albany Park is one the most diverse communities in Chicago. My experience has been working as community organizer and volunteering at grassroots campaigns with all different races and backgrounds in job experiences, and religion. Myself being part of progressive candidate Denali Dasgupta strategy team for city council seat and Bernie Sanders campaign going to other states working with people with all different backgrounds and knocking on doors. Also registering people get out the vote at my VFW which is mixed with all different races. As stated before I will do my utmost in supporting diversity all over Chicago in District Council duties.

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

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My experiences are of course the military where you have to deal with all sorts of people from all different backgrounds and walks of life not locally but nationally. My grass roots campaigning as stated before, volunteering at the stand down for homeless veteran population Chicago. Being part of Iraq Veterans against the War and War Resisters League and also being part of the Harold Washington American Legion Post here in Chicago who by the way is my idol who stood up for the underprivileged people of Chicago. So my experience does speak for itself. I also did go to NEIU for college so i'm definitely in grained to this community which I dearly love much. This community has been there for me and now it's time for me to give back to it.

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