

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

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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? *

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In applying for this post, I can bring an unbiased perspective to this Council. For going on two years, I've been a board member of the 33rd Ward's participatory budget committee as well as a member of 30th United, an IPO in the 30th Ward. Civic engagement has always been part of my life and as the son of civil servants, I believe it's necessary to do as much as possible the better the community. If selected, this would be another chapter in this pursuit.

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? *

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Regarding public safety, gang related shootings and violence in the Albany Park and Ravenswood Manor neighborhoods as well as carjackings are serious concerns in the District. Though not a violent crime issue, the now former Architectural Iron building is under renovation and the subcontractors are tossing their building waste into the trash cans of my neighbors. Businesses can't be allowed to act this way, with private residents. On the subject of accountability: police need to understand the city is not in any fashion an occupying force in some war zone, these are their neighbors in a greater community. For those who are violent and unforgiving, those perpetrators must have the book thrown at them. Those who are non-violent offenders or have some mental health issue, these people be dealt with more rationally unless they act otherwise. Also, better profiling of would-be hirers in the police department since too many of them are there because of they know, and what. Lastly, guilt in no way is based on skin color or income bracket.

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) *

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For, this role of Chair is a further extension of my public service repertoire. In the past, worked as an office clerk for the 1st Ward Office (unpaid internship) here in the City and as a judge of elections, since 2004. This would be a new chapter, in my public service repertoire.

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? *

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Professional, that's the relationship we should have with the police. Essentially, don't profile, don't be corrupt, don't harass (physically or sexually), don't do anything racist, don't abuse drugs, do your job right the first time and we'll be fine. I believe we can build a better relationship with law enforcement, both by listening to them as well as the community. Also, we examine statistics and data on what can improve safety to better correct certain ills with civilian solutions, instead of over relying on the police. During the Trump administration, I participated in numerous demonstrations as a marshal. In many cases we dealt with the police in many situations regarding, crowd control and safety. There working with the police, was important in having a smooth outcome.

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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Preparation for this position, originates from both my previous and current roles in public service: For eight years, I worked in the 1st Ward office. There I did everything from managing an office, to dealing with constituent services. Since 2004, I've been a judge of elections at both the City and County level. Currently: I'm a member of the 33rd Ward participatory budget committee, a member of 30th United IPO, 1st Ward IPO, member of California Park Neighborhood Association, Moms Demand Action Chicago Chapter, Indivisible Chicago West Side Chapter and more campaigns, then I can keep count in.

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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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

23. I understand my first name, answers to the open questions, recommended qualifications and my biography (if submitted) will be shared with 17th District constituents to ensure an inclusive and transparent process. No contact information, identifying information or resumes will be shared. *

- Yes
- No