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MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH TRANSFEMICIDE WORKING GROUP

Working Group will advance the work of the Johnson administration to develop communityinformed policies to address violence and discrimination against marginalized communities

CHICAGO – Mayor Brandon Johnson today signed <u>Executive Order 2024-2</u>, establishing a Transfemicide Working Group to develop comprehensive strategies addressing violence against transgender women in our city. This Working Group represents a vital step in the Johnson administration's commitment to implementing community safety approaches that address root causes of violence and ensure Chicago is safe for all residents.

"As transgender women continue to experience violence in our city at disproportionate rates, my administration is committed to uplifting our trans community and ensuring their safety," said **Mayor Brandon Johnson.** "With establishment of the Transfemicide Working Group, the City of Chicago commits to protect our trans community through direct partnership with the communities most impacted. The solutions we develop will come from collaboration with community advocates and leaders who deeply understand the need to grow a city where every resident can live authentically and safely."

In our work to ensure collaborative governance, this Working Group is critical to establishing evidence-based solutions that address the crisis facing our trans neighbors. Chicago has become the deadliest city in the nation for Black trans women, a somber reality that demands immediate action. This Working Group will strengthen support for organizations that have long championed this work while developing comprehensive solutions to end this pattern of violence.

Executive Order 2024-2 tasks the Commissioner of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations in collaboration with the Chicago Police Department with convening a Working Group by February 28, 2025. This Working Group shall include interdepartmental



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representatives across the City to review and recommend city policies, procedures, training and directives to change outcomes within the BIPOC transgender and gender-diverse community.

"We are sincerely grateful to Mayor Johnson's Administration for the commitment to establish the Transfemicide Working Group through an official Executive Order 2024-3. This is big step forward to ensure our city government understands the unique challenges facing our transgender neighbors in Chicago," said 35th Ward Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa. "This Working Group will inform our preventative measures and our field response to an emergent need in our community. We look forward to supporting the working group and the important conversations with the LGBTQ community and stakeholders including our LGBTQ Advisory Council."

Through the partnership of the Commissioner of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, Chicago Police, Chicago Department, Department of Family and Support Services and Chicago Department of Public Health, the administration continues to strengthen its approach to community safety and engagement, focusing on protecting our most vulnerable communities.

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