

Agenda Item L1
Resolution regarding HB 3653 (Criminal Justice Reform Bill), disapproving of the legislative process and recommending Governor Pritzker's veto

SPEAKERS

Representative James Durkin spoke in favor of the resolution.

Jennifer Bruzan Taylor spoke in favor of the resolution.

Sheriff James Mendrick (DuPage County Sheriff's Office) spoke in favor of the resolution.

Robert Berlin (DuPage County State's Attorney) spoke in favor of the resolution.

Brian Armstrong spoke in favor of the resolution.

John Reed (Naperville Fraternal Order of Police) spoke in favor of the resolution.

Elena Deuchler (Naperville Police Department) spoke in favor of the resolution.

Vasavi Chakka spoke in favor of the resolution.

Michael Childress spoke against the resolution.

COMMENTS TO BE READ BY STAFF

1. Jay Mitchell I am dismayed to see this resolution added to the City Council's agenda and hope that the full Council sees this as uninformed and inappropriate. As Naperville experienced last year's unrest in our City's streets after several instances of excessive and racial inequities across the country, you'd think the Council would welcome instead of protest reasonable reform measures. Apparently, the 3 Council members asking for this resolution are okay with no changes or reform whatsoever. I have full respect for the police agencies in Naperville, Illinois, and across the country, but the targeted bill simply adopts common-sense, long-overdue changes to ensure that, - people of all races, colors, and economic status are treated equally, - mandatory body cameras document actions which can help the police and the detainee, - life-threatening force is reserved for life-threatening situations, - people of means can no longer buy their way out of jail while others cannot, - police receive funds for modern, proper, and regular training, and - police are accountable to the people they serve, through reasonable reporting requirements. Are those measures really unreasonable? Seriously? This resolution which meekly attacks the process the bill to passage is disingenuous. It is obviously meant to attack the content of the bill itself. If the intent is truly meant to condemn another governmental body's processes, perhaps this Council should look at and improve its own leadership and processes, as evidenced by its total inability to work together to plan and approve the 5th Avenue development, after embarrassingly going in circles and seeing its efforts collapse after almost 3 years. This resolution should be defeated.

2. Rhonda Richmond Dear Council Members, Please register my support for your resolution against HB 3653. I hold the firm belief our police officers deserve the support and respect of our community and country. I have three friends who have police officers as immediate family. They are dedicated to community service and protection. To remove the protections they need to do their vital work is abhorrent. In addition, I do not feel the government has any right to remove the rights of any employee to have collective bargaining and a union for their protection. I also feel the bill will negatively impact the poorer communities of Illinois, as they will not be able to make up the tax difference that they may lose because of this bill. Finally, this bill will negatively impact the ability to recruit and hire qualified candidates for law enforcement. Other cities and states have had failure when passing this type of legislation. I do not see the situation in Illinois being any different.

3. Bradford Miller Good Evening City council, As a member of the Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission, we recently went over various proposals related to the housing needs of Naperville. Part of that discussion revolved around the strong belief that we as a City value resident and stakeholder input. Naperville has always valued that kind of input and will often host workshops as well to better understand the needs of the residents and stakeholders before enacting important policy. Therefore, with that long standing tradition in mind, the Naperville City Council should condemn the way that HB 3653 was passed and urge the Governor to veto it. The issue is NOT whether or not police reform is needed. That topic is and should be a separate discussion with lots of input and debate from everyone. The issue at hand tonight is whether the way this bill passed was proper and transparent. No one sitting up there can tell me that this bill was debated properly on the IL House and Senate floors. No one sitting up there can tell me that we heard from the various organizations impacted by this bill. No one sitting up there can honestly tell me that all the legislators had the proper time to actually read and understand this bill. Again, this is not about whether police reform is needed. This is about the way this bill was passed. The topic of police reform is important and it deserves proper debate with resident and stakeholder input. A 700 page bill passed in the early morning hours with virtually no legislator actually reading or understanding it is simply ridiculous. The way this bill was passed is shameful to say the least. No one sitting up there can tell me otherwise. Do the right thing and condemn the way this bill was passed.
4. Susan Gorski Dear City Council, With crime ever on the rise, does make any logical sense to defund those who protect our citizens? It doesn't to me. I believe one of the foremost requirements of any government is the safety and protection of its law-abiding citizens. It would appear that this bill degrades that protection and safety. Should that bill pass and be signed into law, I know that my family will be looking to relocate to a state that does take the safety and protection of its citizens much more seriously. I would imagine we won't be the only family to do so. With respect, Susan E Gorski Naperville, IL
5. Sharon Gorrell As a long time resident of the city I am asking you to support the proposed city resolution that requests Governor Pritzker veto HB 3653, the criminal justice reform measure. I agree with the sentiment of the resolution and the rationale for the city to have a voice of opposition to the house bill. Thank you in advance for supporting this measure and our police officers.
6. Martin Gorrell As a city that was under attack last year with rioters that caused serious damage to our town, businesses and police officers who did the best they could to slow these criminals, let's let the Governor know that we support our police officers in Naperville and will continue to do so, despite out knee taking, pot taxing mayor
7. Robin Kot I am writing to ask you to oppose the HB 3653 "Criminal Justice Reform Bill" Following are some of the reasons why. it is not prudent to consider a massive reform bill in a few short days and to rush it through without thoughtful hearings and deliberation on changes that will have massive negative consequences on our communities. The bill eliminates qualified immunity for police officers and expressly applies punitive unbalanced civil penalties to police officers, while denying them typical and customary protections like caps on attorney's fees, which is not only unfair and dangerous, but will no doubt result in many police officers quitting. The bill allows officers to be punished for unverified, anonymous complaints and eliminates sworn affidavits, with expected negative results as above. The bill eliminates bail and basically

mandates release, which will obviously result in more criminals on the streets. Sincerely,
Robin Kot, 900 Elm St, Naperville

8. Karen V. Peck Dear Naperville City Council, I urge the Naperville City Council to VOTE NO on item 21-0111 on the agenda, to "Adopt the resolution regarding HB3653 (Criminal Justice Reform Bill), disapproving of the legislative process and recommending Governor Pritzker's veto." Asking Governor Pritzker to veto the Criminal Justice Reform Omnibus Bill has no place on the City of Naperville Council agenda. Our duly elected State officials' have voted. I don't want my city's Council lobbying against the will of our State officials. This bill is transparent and was discussed by legislators in multiple Illinois Senate and House hearings, and in numerous public hearings. Amendments were made based on concerns. Some areas of the bill have been moved to further discussion. The bill contains "four pillars of policy: criminal justice reform, violence and police accountability; education and workforce development; economic access, equity and opportunity; and health care and human services." Other issues in the bill include revenue legislation, education legislation, ethics reform, hospital legislation, and COVID-19 legislation. I support our State legislature and the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Agenda. The misinformation spread about the bill on social media and in editorial and opinion pieces in local newspapers and the false claim of lack of transparency is nothing more than far-right fearmongering. I again urge you to VOTE NO to requesting Governor Pritzker veto this impressive bill. Our city should be on record as in support of attaining the goals of HB 3653, which help us strive toward a more perfect democracy.
9. Pey Chu I support resolution no. 21-0111. I strongly oppose HB 163.
10. Edward Ronkowski House Bill 3653, Amendment 2, is a very bad bill that makes the life of a police officer much harder and much more dangerous, unnecessarily makes police work much harder, drastically reduces whatever the deterrent effect of the criminal justice system has, and will make bail jumping on the day of trial a tactic that is risk free way to wear out the witnesses, victims, and prosecutors. Expect crime to go up if this becomes the law. This 764 page law was sprung on legislature and passed by the General Assembly so fast that only person, the author of the bill, believed by insiders to be an ACLU attorney, has read and understood the consequences. As a retired career prosecutor, it took most of many days to read and understand it. Had the people who voted YES read and understood it, almost all would have voted NO.
11. Steve & Gail Butera As a 40-year resident of Naperville, my family and I have been blessed to be protected by a first class police organization for many years. My wife and I oppose ANY reduction of funds or redirection of resources away from the Naperville Police Department. Without a strong and well funded police department, Naperville will be less safe and we will all lose the safety umbrella that we are so fortunate enough to live under. Steve Butera 1609 Auburn Ave Naperville 630-484-8956
12. Barbara Stilson I support the adoption of the resolution regarding HB 3653. I do not approve of the highly questionable legislative process under which the Criminal Justice Reform Bill was passed, nor do I believe this bill has been properly vetted and transparent with voters. Please adopt this resolution disapproving of the legislative process and recommending Governor Pritzker's veto. Thank you.
13. Matthew Gingrich Dear Council members, DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL! It is with great caution that I ask you approach your support of HB3653, a 600 page bill grossly

passed in the early hours with no time to review before a vote. Whether the contents of the bill are pure or not is almost irrelevant - if you support that kind of governing you will only reap more of it. While police reform is necessary (as reflection should be evergreen, as with all things), HB-3653 is an overreaching misstep that will only welcome more crime as the police will lose the ability to actually do their job, especially with no funding to implement the ideas inside of it (e.g. bodycams). If you are ready for the flood of officer resignations and an alarming number of vacancies - that no one in their right mind would want to fill - in departments across Illinois, then by all means provide your support. If, whether you agree with the bill or not, you desire more of these far reaching, thief in the night, monstrosities to come from your elected officials with no review, then by all means pass this ugliness. It is in your hands if Illinois continues its path of villainous government or we actually strive for dialog and common sense. Thank you, Matt Gingrich Naperville, IL

14. Lisa Howard - Just all Citizens of Naperville I am NOT in favor of defunding the police or taking away any other Protection of our law enforcement! To do such is putting out entire community as risk for increased crime and putting our dedicated police enforcement at an increased risk, over and above with what are already faced! I BACK THE BLUE! Please be wise & Support the police department- don't corrupt our city and nation! Thank you!
15. Jodi O'Hara I am in full support of the resolution that the city of Naperville is presenting in regards to the HB 3653. This bill was passed in the house and senate the first part in the very early morning with barely an hour for anyone to read through the over 700 page bill. This bill will not allow officers to do their jobs safely and will give criminals the upper hand. Criminals can get caught raping someone not have to post cash bail, be released and can go out to do the same thing. Anonymous complaints and unverified complaints against an officer. This bill will prevent officers from doing their job and would prevent others from even wanting to be an officer. This would leave the community unsafe. Thank you Naperville for presenting this resolution and you have my full support.
16. Laura Welch-Illinois National Organization for Women I am writing to you on behalf of the Illinois National Organization for Women. As President of this longstanding organization, I can tell you that we not only work to improve the lives of women all over the US, but to also end racism in all of its forms. Over the history of our country, people of color have been brutalized, targeted and preyed upon simply for the color of their skin. As the year of 2020 progressed, racial tensions escalated especially as more and more black people were being murdered and assaulted often in the hands of police. Rarely, have we seen any justice for people like Breonna Taylor whose case was hidden for months by those organizations charged with protecting all citizens. Most strikingly is the racist history of bail bonds. Illinois NOW has been working to elevate the public's awareness of the disproportionate bond amounts leveled on people of color who, unable to afford the bond, are often forced to remain in jail for weeks and months. The audacity of folks wanting to argue that those who have committed major crimes will be freed is outrageous. Additionally, as bad as the word defund is, this is also not part of the bill but is being utilized as a scare tactic by those incapable of seeing the big picture that exists especially in communities of color. I am astounded that there has been months of information on this bill and others that accompany it from the Black Caucus, yet, those who oppose these great improvements to our public safety are claiming they were not able to comment, but that is patently false. "...proponents pushed back on the idea that the legislation, filed late Tuesday, was being rushed, noting that public hearings and

private meetings took place throughout the summer and fall after the public outcry over the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police." Chicago Tribune I cannot imagine why the Naperville City Council has a problem with improving protections for our citizens, improving police accountability with the use of body cameras, and allowing those in our state who are black or brown to be targeted by well documented inherent racism by some in the criminal justice system. Without equality and the right to seek recourse by those targeted by an unjust racist criminal justice system, how can we end the damage done to an entire population? I am shocked that the Naperville City Council cannot understand the lives that can be improved by this this reform. I respectfully request that the Naperville City Council refrains from requesting the Governor veto this important criminal reform bill that protects those in our communities of color.

17. Gina Jones As a resident of Naperville, I do not support HB 3653 in its current form. I do not support the illegal procedural steps that were taken by the IL Assembly to pass the bill. With the proposed fundamental changes that are being pushed through, there was NO transparency, NO valid discussion between representatives, thus NO true representation of the voice of the People of Illinois, local jurisdictions and municipalities. This bill must be vetoed by the Governor.
18. Randy Melleos "As a resident of Naperville, I do not support HB 3653 in its current form. I do not support the illegal procedural steps that were taken by the IL Assembly to pass the bill. I do not believe in defunding our police"
19. Susan Baltaragis As a resident of Naperville, I do not support HB 3653 in its current form. I do not support the illegal procedural steps that were taken by the IL Assembly to pass the bill. With the proposed fundamental changes that are being pushed through, there was NO transparency, NO valid discussion between representatives, thus NO true representation of the voice of the People of Illinois, local jurisdictions and municipalities. This bill must be vetoed by the Governor." We deserve better treatment and representation!
20. Michelle Raimondi I have been a resident of naperville for 17 years and moved to this city because of the safety record and school systems. I have 4 children and I depend on the naperville police to protect our community. We owe these men and women who put their lives in jeopardy each day to protect and serve our community our respect. We cannot hinder them from doing their job. I am in support of the resolution AGAINST defunding the police. 21-0111 Michelle Raimondi 409 Haddassah Court Naperville
21. Kenn Miller I support the Naperville City Council approving agenda 21-0111 resolution regarding HB 3653. There are several points in this legislation that I question. But the issue now is that it is up to Governor Pritzker to sign the approval of HB 3653 or to not sign. There can be no amendatory approval, because the House and Senate jammed the bill through in the late moments with the minimal votes and with no input from the public or municipalities. Assigning legislative authority to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board to decertify as it sees fit regardless of local adjudication and creating an 18-member task force appointed by the Governor to determine the legality of constitutional rights and police qualified immunity are an insult to the voting public and a dereliction of duty by elected officials. Thank you for looking out for Naperville's public safety.
22. Lisa Cox I whole-heartedly support this resolution

23. Lucy Evans I urge City Council members to vote NO on the resolution to recommend Governor Pritzker's veto on HB 3653. City Council members do not know to what extent Naperville residents approve or disapprove of the bill and therefore should not make a collective statement on their behalf. Furthermore, it is not good use of City Council meeting time to debate state-level legislature. Voters should be addressing their state representatives to express their support or opposition to this bill.
24. Julija Hello, I would like to express my concern with the current bill HB3653. Naperville had always been a safe city with a strong police presence, and i strongly disapprove of defunding our police, as it will bring more crime in our cities. The 764-page bill HB3653 was presented to the IL Senate at 3.51 am and only an hour (!) later the members had approve it. There was insufficient time to simply review the bill, moreover, public, police and municipalities didnt get a chance to voice their opinion.
25. Mark Hamielec Hello, I am against defunding the Naperville Police Department. I am 23 year resident of our beautiful city. The NPD is doing an excellent job and I fully support them. There are some among us not willing to conform with social norms and the laws written to keep our citizens safe. Here in Naperville we need well trained and equipped police officers. The money they get is wisely spent.
26. Carolyn Thayer I have been a Naperville resident for close to 30 years and I believe HB 3653 mandate of essentially defunding the police is of grave concern for Naperville's safety. There has not been enough time for discussion and I believe Naperville's outstanding reputation is at stake. Please reject any votes supporting HB3653
27. Bethanne Trankina
The NPD has helped to make Naperville what it is today - a vibrant and diverse community. Please do not bow to the cancel culture by considering the ridiculous notion that defunding the police fixes anything, rather than simply making our community less safe. I strongly support this resolution to Back the Blue.
28. Thomas Adams, Jr Morning council members, We are writing to ask that you support the proposed city resolution that requests Governor Pritzker veto HB 3653, the criminal justice reform measure. We agree with the intent of the resolution and the strong rationale for the city to voice a firm opposition to this house bill. Our daughter is a Chicago police officer and therefore we know firsthand how very much this bill would hamper and endanger police officers from doing their job well and safely. Please look at this bill and see just how extreme the regulations are and how they will most likely force an exodus of Illinois officers and prohibit the hiring of new officers. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Karen and Thomas Adams 26 year residents of Naperville
29. Dana and Michael Umbenhower We strongly support the resolution disapproving of the legislative process and recommending Governor Pritzker's veto of HB 3653. This bill is not productive police reform and will increase already rising crime levels in Illinois and Naperville. There should be more time for this bill to be properly vetted with transparency to voters. Thank you for supporting the police and the safety of our community.
30. Valentina Catberro We need to support our PD-funding should be in place to continue education-they should not be personally liable for doing a job-collective bargaining

should still be on the table. The bill needs to be reviewed line by line. We need our police officers-they keep us safe!

31. Patricia Athitakis Please do not show support for the veto resolution being presented. As a naperville resident, the house bill (HB) 3653 will help our community tremendously and only improve our Police Force. There is a lot of misinformation regarding the bill such as that it defunds the police. This couldn't be more false and is only being echoed by the current political climate rather than actually reading the bill. The bill modernizes sentencing laws, ends cash bail, creates better training for officers, connects substance abuse treatment programs with first responders, requires police to develop a plan to protect children during raids and addresses police wellness and mental health. In special addition, it bans the use of chokeholds and other extreme measures. As a parent of a special needs child with severe autism, my greatest fear is the force used by police officers. Countless victims are being killed by the police through improper use of force and holds, and many of these are those with disabilities. Just recently police officers restrained, sat on an autistic nonverbal teenager and put him in a chokehold for 9 minutes causing him to suffocate and die. This bill will educate police officers that are in non-lethal situations to use other measures especially on those that are disabled! Please consider the well being of our community and growth as a society when you hear this veto resolution and stand against it. Support HB 3653! Thank you
32. Michael Auld – Retired Aurora Police Officer Please adopt the resolution urging Gov. Pritzker to VETO HB 3653
33. Laura McCarthy Please support the resolution disapproving HB3653 and requesting Governor Pritzker's veto. Our police do an excellent job keeping us safe. Let's support them, not disable them.
34. Paul Radzicki I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Councilmembers who drafted this resolution. One only has to consider that HR 3653 had to be passed under the cover of darkness in the waning hours of a lame-duck session to be suspicious of its intent. HR 3653 negatively impacts levels of government far beyond police departments, to include county and city prosecutors, municipal governments, and even victims rights organizations. This bill simultaneously empowers and protects the most dangerous career criminals while obstructing the work of the overwhelming majority of police officers who act with integrity every minute of every shift to protect us from the truly evil. Any bill that would do either would be unacceptable. To do both in one bill is unconscionable. It goes without saying that every area of government at all levels can be improved. Our criminal justice system is no exception, and I have heard many police chiefs agree with this sentiment. The system as it exists today has evolved through thousands of court decisions, lessons learned from police errors along the way, and innovations by all manner of criminal justice practitioners. And yes even, at times, by the work of wise legislators. To radically change a system which reflects the combined wisdom of more than 2 centuries of effort is to throw the baby out with the bathwater and is grossly irresponsible. I applaud all Councilmembers who vote to adopt this resolution and will remember those who oppose it at the next election.
35. Curt Willis Veto this bill.
36. Josh Cusack There is a lot of misinformation flying around the internet about what this bill actually does. Nowhere in the bill in its current form does it talk about defunding the

police. I would urge everyone to research for themselves, and anyone claiming it does defund the police to provide evidence of text from the bill showing that. This bill makes common sense criminal justice reforms to increase accountability, transparency, and equal justice under the law. If anything Naperville should be passing a resolution in full support of this bill.

37. Gwen Campbell I respectfully ask you to vote NO on this resolution. I am in favor of HB 3653 (Criminal Justice Reform Bill) and do not want Naperville to issue a resolution disapproving of the legislative process and recommending Governor Pritzker's veto.
38. Timothy H. Keyes I respectfully ask you to vote NO on this resolution. I am in favor of HB 3653 (Criminal Justice Reform Bill) and do not want Naperville to issue a resolution disapproving of the legislative process and recommending Governor Pritzker's veto.
39. Lauren Howard I am Opposed to ANY type of defunding or decreasing the protection of the Naperville police department! The fact that anyone idea support of this is Ludicrous and beyond my means of comprehension! I back the BLUE & always will!
40. Matt Howard
I do not support ANY type of defunding or taking away any current protection of our Naperville police department! The idea that this is being entertained is beyond my comprehension! I back the BLUE & always will! Keep Naperville safe!
41. Jennifer Raitt Strongly opposed. Detrimental to our society.
42. Daniel Bukowski As long time residents of Naperville we wish to state that we are in support of Resolution 21-0111. We appreciate the tireless efforts made by the Naperville Police Department as well as the duPage County State's Attorney's Office to ensure that Naperville remains a safe community to live, work and, especially, raise a family. We find the manner in which HB 3653 (Criminal Justice Reform) was passed to be completely abhorrent. We join with other supporters of this resolution in urging that Governor Pritzker veto this bill so that a new criminal justice reform bill may be crafted in a fair and transparent manner so that all interested parties may be heard. Thank you for your consideration, Daniel and Christine Bukowski
43. Sharon Weinstein Defunding our police is a ridiculous and dangerous idea. Crime has increased and we need our police presence more than ever,
44. Trish Wegner I request that the mayor and City Council members approve resolution 21 which disapproves the legislation HB3653 and to recommend that Governor Pritzker veto this legislation. The resolution speaks for itself therefore I will not repeat what it says, but I as a citizen of this state and resident of the city of Naperville am not in support of HB3653 which adversely affects our police force and put citizens' safety in danger. This is just another reason why people will continue to leave this state.
45. Richard J. Wistocki I have been a Naperville Police Officer for 28 years. I currently train officers in cyber crime all over the country. My college age son wanted to follow in my footsteps as he is a Criminal Justice Major at a University. His dream was to work for the citizens of Naperville and save kids through educating them on child predators. Due to this bill there is no way he can safely be the police in this state due to the amount of restrictions and risk this bill puts police officers at. If the governor signs this bill it will

negatively effect law enforcement all over the state and the person(s) who commit crimes can roam free with out consequences. Charging police officers for having a discrepency from their body cams and this bill does not allow officers to view the body cam footage?? and then you will charge them with a class 3 felony?? Do you know what auditory exclusion is? Do you know what perception distances are when someone is trying to kill you? Again, you will lose some amazing law enforcement personnel if the governor signs this atrocity.

46. Amy Benson As a resident of Naperville, I am writing in support of Resolution 21-0111 in regards to vetoing HB 3653. I do not support the methods used to create and pass this bill, do not believe it represents the voice of the people of Illinois, and therefore ask that it be vetoed by the Governor.
47. Bob Wegner Mr. Mayor and City Council Members, It is with a sincere and heartfelt appeal that I urge you all to vote to approve Resolution 21 disapproving HB3653 which sadly, but not atypically, zipped through the Illinois Legislature in the dark of night with little opportunities for the public to provide input. Over the last twenty-five years, we have witnessed the disintegration of any semblance of a two-party system in this state, and as a result, now have the most people leaving this state compared to others; and have recently been voted the worst state to retire in based on the tax burden we shoulder from all levels of government (Kiplinger, February 2021). Now this same uninspiring group of politicians seek to defund the last line of protection that we, the people who pay the salaries for these inept and unworthy custodians of the Illinois government, have between ourselves and the increasing number of those who are committing illegal and dangerous crimes. In an era of division not seen in this county since the Civil War, the very opposite should be happening - more funds should be allocated to all law enforcement departments in every city in this state. If the departure of people and businesses aren't enough to grab the attention of Springfield, then perhaps those who will leave now because of HB3653, which will make us feel unsafe in our own homes, will have an effect. But, this is Illinois. We know what happens here. An exodus of more citizens will only result in even higher tax rates to compensate, more people will then leave, and the cycle will sadly, and inevitably, continue. Please vote to approve this resolution, and then take steps to pass an ordinance to fully fund and support our law enforcement community
48. Maureen Jansen I am sending this email to oppose hb3653. We need our police to serve and protect us. With all the unrest in our country I feel safe knowing they are always there for us and don't want a world where they would not be. Thank you Maureen Jansen
49. Jeff Jones As a resident of Naperville, I do not support HB 3653 in its current form. I do support all efforts to advocate to VETO this bill, and believe the Governor must veto this bill. Prior to the approval in the House and Senate, there was no REAL discussion in either regarding the many scenarios and consequences of victims, law enforcement and criminals that will arise if this bill is signed into law. No representation of the People's voice has been evident or taken into account.
50. Kristina Cowan My family and I have lived in Naperville for more than eleven years. A big reason we stay is because of the safe environment and assurance of strong policing. I have followed with great concern Illinois HB 3653, passed last week by the House, and earlier--in the middle of the night--by the Senate. Such sweeping reforms warrant far

more debate, and room for public input, seeing as they'll affect the safety of every Illinois resident. The original bill changed forms and lengths, and led to a good deal of confusion among residents trying to follow it. The House version was more than seven hundred pages, based on what I have read. Lawmakers in Springfield have said they received more than one hundred pages of last-minute changes. The late hour afforded almost no time to read and consider the alterations before voting. This isn't what we pay our representatives to do. If the legislative system works as it should, there'd be no need to rush through legislation of this magnitude in the middle of the night during a lame-duck session. I'm all for more-and-better training for police, for making sure innocent people aren't unfairly incarcerated. I am not for making it hard on police to do their jobs and decreasing community safety. New York and Minneapolis have taken steps similar to this Illinois legislation, and crime in both areas has soared. Crime in Chicago is already out of control. There's good reason to believe this bill would send those already outrageous statistics well beyond what any police force could manage. Furthermore, how the reforms in this bill will be funded is unclear. Will our super-high taxes increase? The long-term impact will drive many more middle-class families away from Illinois. The state is shedding population at an unprecedented rate. Note this NPR story from early 2020, which points out increasingly high numbers of middle- and high-income residents leaving the state (<https://www.npr.org/local/309/2020/01/08/794320135/five-charts-that-show-who-s-leaving-illinois-and-why>). These income levels, ostensibly, form most of the tax base. If that dwindles, then what? Is there a long-term plan? In November 2020, Kiplinger's ranked Illinois the worst state in the union for middle-class families, based on our abysmal tax burden. See this link: <https://www.kiplinger.com/taxes/state-tax/601614/least-tax-friendly-states-for-middle-class-families> This state can't afford more poorly planned legislation. It'll serve only to bankrupt Illinois and send people away. I encourage the Naperville City Council to work with other Illinois lawmakers, and appeal to Governor Pritzker to veto HB 3653.

51. Henry Thompson Members of Naperville city council, I come before you to request that you vote for the resolution calling on Governor Pritzker to veto Illinois House Bill 3653. This bill in the general assembly would lead to an uptick in crime across the state, through the abolition of monetary bail, and would not provide funds for the body camera mandate included within, an expensive measure, with both a need for new body cameras and data storage for the footage of said cameras. In addition, this bill was passed in an opaque manner, with the full 700 page bill introduced to the senate at 2:00 am, and passed just an hour later, with no public or law enforcement input. Such a lack of transparency or input for a bill of this magnitude is unheard of, and it would not be in the best interest of the people of Illinois if this bill became law. These serious issues deserve full transparency, and hearings with input for all parties involved. Therefore, I ask you to vote for this resolution, to ensure the governor hears the wishes of the people he represents.
52. Susan Mitchell I very much support our well trained Naperville Police Department and the constructive improvements detailed in newly passed HB 3653 . Thank you Chief of Police, Mr Mayor and our council for supporting justice and keeping our community safe.
53. Helga Mattingly I stand in complete and total agreement with the resolution to oppose HB3653. Our police need the support, respect and funding of the citizens they protect so faithfully without consideration of great peril to their own lives. We need to stand with them, not against them.

54. Sofia Burl I am a resident of Naperville and I am AGAINST DEFUNDING THE POLICE!!!! I support Hinterlong, Coyne and Gustin!!!
55. Ron Amato Good evening, I respectfully request that City Council pass Resolution 21-0111 urging Governor Pritzker - on behalf of the City of Naperville - to veto HB 3653. This proposed legislation is troubling for two reasons. First, it will make victims of crime, as well as our communities in general, less safe at a time when violent crime such as vehicular hijacking is on the rise and we are seeing an uptick in Chicago-style criminal activity such as car jackings and armed robberies in Naperville and neighboring communities. Second, the legislation was passed in a manner that did not allow for adequate public debate or input from stakeholders. In fact, the 764 page bill with final amendments was passed in a matter of hours, in the early morning hours, at the tail end of a lame duck session. That is not the way in which our representatives in the General Assembly should be discussing and passing important legislation that will have a significant impact on our community. Thank you for your consideration.
56. Diane McGuire With regard to HB 3653, currently awaiting the governor's signature, the Bill's sponsor, State Representative Justin Slaughter, said it best: "It's time to go from protest to progress. Criminal justice reform cannot wait." Like you, I watched in horror as we witnessed the murder of George Floyd this summer, his life taken by law enforcement as he begged for mercy. The world watched. No one wants to see our justice system so abused. Now is the time to act. HB 3653 was originally HB 163 and received over 4 months of hearings, beginning in September of 2020, with 30 hours of testimony provided from the public. Several changes were made to the Bill as a result of concerns expressed by law enforcement. Process, with all due respect, is not the issue. Please do not support Resolution 21-0111.
57. Meg Boyle Landek I am voicing my support for the resolution brought forward by Councilmen and women Hinterlong, Coyne, and Gustin. In support of not defunding our great men and woman of the Naperville Police Department. Sincerely, Meg Boyle Landek.
58. Paul Motel - Founder of group Veto IL HB3653 on Facebook. Also founder of change.org petition containing more than 150,000 signatures urging JB Pritzker to Veto the bill. All citizens and police officers are asking for is those who sponsored the bill return to discussions with the coalition to work out some type of reform that not only protects citizens, but also will allow law enforcement officials to do their job effectively and efficiently without fear of being labeled as a criminal while actually upholding current written laws. If necessary I will provide a printed form of every signature supporting the petition to Veto the bill.
59. Michele Clemen I am writing in support of Council adopting Resolution HB3653. This 700+ page bill that will pass sweeping reform of our criminal justice system was introduced in the early morning hours of the lame-duck session and then voted on by both houses of our legislature in less than a 12 hour period. It takes the average person 19 hours to read 700 pages! Not to mention, there was little to no debate or input from law enforcement, states attorneys or the public. This is not how our government should work. Members of this City Council have said that our local government needs to be more transparent and that we need to make sure that the public knows what is happening because it is just common sense. Shouldn't we hold our state law makers to at least the same standard? The crime rates in our community have been on the rise

and now we are asking our police officers to do more to protect us, but provide them with fewer resources. This bill was passed with no thought of the residents of our community. The citizens of DuPage County voted with a 74% margin that law enforcement was their number one funding priority. Please adopt this resolution.

60. Marjorie Archbold I am against defunding the Naperville Police. They have done an outstanding job keeping us all safe this past year. I witnessed the Police in action when agitators/protestors were disrupting the public in downtown Naperville in June 2020 (in the days that followed the riots). The Police were professional and successful in their efforts to de-escalate the situation. With all the uncertainty and chaos that remains in the world I certainly hope to be able to rely on the Naperville Police Department to ensure the safety of our community.
61. Joseph Archbold In these very uncertain times with unemployment increasing and economic pressures related to the covid outbreak defunding those that protect us and maintain our safety and security here in Naperville will invite crime from outside our community. Will it force us as community to prepare to defend ourselves? We should provide additional funding for the extremely hard working police force that deserves more from this community.
62. Linda Kuhn The Naperville Police Department does an outstanding job of keeping the residents of Naperville safe. They have always gone above and beyond and no part of their budget should be taken away. It's a disservice to the department as well as the residents. I back the blue!
63. Kim Bass Naperville City Council, I fully support the Resolution proposed concerning Reform bill HB 3653... and agree that Governor Pritzker should veto it. We need to continue to fund our police! Kim Bass
64. Christa Holton It is a disgrace that this bill was even put forward. This bill, if passed, will make Illinois one of the most unsafe places to live in this country. The men and women in the Naperville police department put their lives on the line every day. This is an unbelievable slap in their face.
65. Mark Melnicoff I agree with the resolution to urge Gov Pritzker to veto the recently passed HB3653 on criminal justice reform. While there are a number of good provisions therein, the provision on cash bail seems too far "out there". I generally support compromise on large, multi-provisional legislation, but the cash bail provision, offhand, is a deal breaker for me. This bill was clearly rushed through; yet there was no emergency requiring such treatment (unlike for those who felt that the President should be impeached - circumstances required very fast action). The cash bail provision is a major change in our post-arrest procedures and needs a lot more research (experiences elsewhere with this), vetting, and discussion. Should Gov Pritzker have the authority to veto just this provision and send it back to the Legislature, while the rest of the bill is signed into law, that would suit me, too.
66. John Noll I urge you provide support to our police departments and urge Governor Pritzker to veto this bill. This bill further undermines the ability of our police officers to protect themselves and it do their jobs to enforce the law and protect the residents of Naperville while providing greater protection for criminals. Crime...particularly violent crime has been on a steady rise in Naperville and throughout the sunburns in recent

years. As evidenced by the recent surge of carjackings. This bill will only enhance the ability of criminals to commit these acts with less fear of accountability. The ultimate result will be increased crime and add to the general feeling of our citizens that they can no longer ensure the safety of themselves or their families. This then will result in an even greater exodus of people and businesses from Illinois to other States.

67. Kristen Clesceri The police reform bill will have far reaching consequences that the public need to know about. The removal of cash bail puts citizens at risk from criminals that will ne emboldened by the lack of repercussions from being arrested. The ability for ANYONE to make an anonymous complaint on an officer that will follow him/her throughout their career, even if unsubstantiated, will only result in a mass exodus of police officers and the reduction in available officers to respond to crimes in progress. Every facet of this bill will negatively impact every citizen, police officer, and family in Illinois.
68. Michael Buckley The bill should be vetoed
69. John Mobeck – Bartonville P.D. I wish to convey Bartonville Police Department's full support of this board's resolution supporting a veto of HB3653 by the governor. This bill harms public safety by allowing those who'd be incarcerated to roam our citizen's streets. It also destroys the ability to de-escalate many situations by denying the ability to arrest and remove a violator from the scene of a tense situation. We fully support this attempt to veto this dangerous bill.
70. Jessica Yan Violent offenders should not be cash free bail out. They can create more violence in our community.
71. Joan Dupre Tonight I urge our Naperville City Council to come together and pass the Resolution condemning the undemocratic process used in passing the police reform bill and urge Gov. Pritzker to veto the bill! We need a new police reform bill that allows input and review by all stakeholders and the public. It is concerning that something as important as police reform was voted on without providing the opportunity of lawmakers, stakeholders, and the general public to read and provide feedback on the bill. This is not about whether or not we need police reform. This is about silencing the people. Silencing the municipalities, police departments, State's Attorneys, and Court system who need to implement the procedures without any monetary support from the State. This is about silencing the victims, especially those who are victims of domestic violence, rape, and who have a realistic fear of retaliation. This is about silencing the witnesses, who already often are too afraid to come forward because they know "snitches get stitches" or worse. It is not democracy when a 764 page bill is presented to our Illinois Senators at 3:51 a.m. and voted on less than an hour later and then by the Illinois House soon after. Our country was founded on the principle of representing the interests of the people. "We The People" is the beginning of our Constitution. That principle was lost with the passing of this bill. I urge you to pass the resolution. Thank you.
72. Conner Lain – Naperville Fraternal Order of the Police
Greetings, On behalf of the Naperville Fraternal Order of Police, I am writing you in opposition to House Bill 3653. There are many things severely wrong with House Bill 3653, the below issues reference officer use of force, is just one of them. Per HB 3653, on page 283, as a qualifier for using deadly force, "the officer reasonably believes that the person to be arrested cannot be apprehended at a later date..." So what happens

when the offender resists arrest then as well? The officer just keeps letting them go because he/she knows the suspect's name and address? These are split second deadly force decisions, not motor vehicle pursuit policy. Then on page 285, paragraph (e), we have the following, "The decision by a peace officer to use force shall be evaluated carefully and thoroughly, in a manner that reflects the gravity of their authority and the serious consequences of the use of force by peace officers, in order to ensure that officers use force consistent with law and agency policies." There is so much wrong with this bill, but this sentence alone may sum it up best. What does "carefully and thoroughly, in a manner that reflects the gravity of their authority and the serious consequences of the use of force" mean, when someone is charging an officer with a knife or beating him/her senseless? The term "Use of Force" is actually 'response to resistance,' which happens in the fraction of second, something no one that sponsored this bill, or voted for it, appears to understand. There is often not even enough time for the officer to defend himself/herself before they are wounded or killed, let alone to do so in a manner that reflects the 'gravity' of his/her authority. Response to resistance (which is the phraseology this bill should have used), happens in the blink of an eye. If anyone from law enforcement had been involved with drafting this legislation, such could have been easily explained. These drastic changes to the Officer's Use of Force statute can only result in more more lives lost, not just for officers, but for the public we serve.

73. Oscar Maldonado – Naperville Fraternal Order of the Police

"Greetings, On behalf of the Naperville Fraternal Order of Police, I am writing you in opposition to House Bill 3653. There are many things severely wrong with House Bill 3653, the below issues reference an arbitrary time-line for offender's use of a phone, is just one of them. Per HB 3653, on page 410 to 411, paragraph (a-5), it states, "Persons who are in police custody have the right to communicate free of charge with an attorney of their choice and members of their family as soon as possible upon being taken into police custody, but no later than three hours after arrival at the first place of custody. Persons in police custody must be given: (1) access to use a telephone via a land line or cellular phone to make three phone calls." The number of phone calls is not a problem, and in Naperville, those in custody are allowed as many phone calls as they need, oftentimes more than three or five even. The issue with this language is the three hour mark, with no consideration given to multiple arrests, multiple offenders in custody, co-defendants still at large, or suspect interviews. If three suspects are arrested for armed robbery, and two escaped, there would be little chance one officer could obtain all the information he needed for one or two interviews of those suspects, let alone three, before that three hour time-limit was reached. As written, this bill mandates that offenders be allowed to contact their co-defendants to explain what happened to them, to warn them, and to impede the investigation. Another consideration is that many interviews go on for more than a few hours. If an officer or detective is in the middle of an interview and the three hour mark is reached, what happens? Does he/she have to stop the interview and bring in a phone? Are those statements made one second after the three hour mark now inadmissible in court? No one knows, because the language isn't there, because they didn't think of this, and didn't ask anyone for input that might have been able to help with this. Naperville is a large town with many officers working at any one time, but consider smaller towns that might only have a few officers and no jailers to assist with searching, intaking, booking, fingerprinting, and inventorying a prisoner's property. How would one officer be expected to conduct even a baseline interview, let alone a competent one. House Bill 3653 is a criminal's dream, and every law abiding citizen's nightmare."

74. Jane Brooks

Our wonderful downtown area saw & felt the result of the policemen standing down to unrest this past June. It wasn't pretty! Hurt SO many businesses & is beginning to change our safe, open, wonderful downtown. We desperately need and want our law enforcement to their jobs or we will look like Portland Oregon sooner than we thought possible! Let's understand there are "bad players" in every discipline unfortunately but without law enforcement and strong support for them we will turn into another city where people are exiting due to a lack of safety. Our freedom to enjoy this area will go away. The people of Naperville deserve better than what occurred in June. Your property values, schools, restaurants and shops will all be in peril without police protection or otherwise law and order! Thank you very much. I LOVE Naperville and want it to thrive as it has over the last decade. Let's stand up for our policeman with support & gratitude!

75. Jenessia - Myself and my daughter who is a Victim of Sexual abuse.

There are too many Victims of Crime for this bill to be put into law. If my ex who I caught Sexually Abusing my daughter gets free and tries to come in my house I will have to take the law into my own hands. As much as I would like to do so, I would also like for him to be locked up for 7 years after the trial and the whole "prison time at home" thing isn't cutting it for me. I have an Order of Protection that has been consolidated into a Criminal case against him and this is the last thing Illinois needs is more Criminals walking around

76. Chris Leshock

I urge our Naperville City Council to come together and pass the Resolution condemning the undemocratic process used in passing the police reform bill and urge Gov. Pritzker to veto the bill! We need a new police reform bill that allows input and review by all stakeholders and the public

77. Daniel Ragusa – Naperville Fraternal Order of Police

"Greetings, On behalf of the Naperville Fraternal Order of Police, I am writing you in opposition to House Bill 3653. There are many things severely wrong with House Bill 3653, the below issues reference officer's inability to review their own body camera footage for accuracy of reports, is just one of them. Per HB 3653, on page 82 to 83, paragraph 6, "For the purposes of redaction, labeling, or duplicating recordings, access to camera recordings shall be restricted to only those personnel responsible for those purposes. The supervisor of the recording officer may access and review recordings a prior to completing incident reports or other documentation, provided that the officer or his or her supervisor discloses that fact in the report or documentation" (It should be noted, a line specifically allowing officers to review their own footage was struck from the language). The existence of this paragraph shows a fundamental lack of understanding of the basic tenets and principles of the police function and criminal investigation. Officers MUST be able to review their video recorded footage prior to completing any police reports. Whether an interview is 20 minutes or three hours long, a written report needs to be drafted as a companion to whatever audio/video recorded media exists. State's Attorney's not have the time, nor do public defenders, to sit through dozens of hours of video recorded interviews each time a case is up for status, motion, or trial. The written report that summarizes the interaction, highlights its more significant elements, and provides a synopsis, serves as the necessary point of reference and review for every video submitted into evidence. If anyone from law enforcement had been involved with drafting this legislation, such could have been easily explained. The current language, however, makes it clear the authors and sponsors of this bill never considered

that. Their only purpose of this language seems to be the creation of a scenario where an officer is forced to draft a report without reviewing correlating video for accuracy, something which will be plainly impossible for a number of obvious reasons. House Bill 3653 is a criminal's dream, and every law-abiding citizen's nightmare."

78. Julie Berkowicz – Will County Board Commissioner

Dear Mayor Chirico and Naperville City Councilmen and Councilwomen, I am reaching out regarding the recent legislation HB3653. Because of the impact this bill has on the safety of our residents and law enforcement, please ask Governor Pritzker to VETO this legislation. This legislation was pushed through in the early morning hours to prevent the residents of Illinois the opportunity to comment. Legislators also did not consider valuable research that was completed by the Illinois Sheriff's Association and the Chiefs of Police Association in the development of their 15 Point Safe Communities and Police Modernization Strategy. Concerns about the negative impacts of this bill have been shared from the Will County Governmental League, the Illinois State Associations of Counties, Will County Fraternal Order of Police, Will County State Attorney and Will County constituents. It is vital that we continue to provide law enforcement the tools that they need to protect the public and to do so in a safe manner. The recommendations in the 15 Point Safe Communities and Police Modernization Strategy and all concerned parties need to be considered. Please ask Governor Pritzker to send this bill back so that these areas of concern can be addressed. Thank you, Julie Anne Berkowicz Will County Commissioner, District 11

79. David Reynolds I oppose the resolution regarding HB3653. The criminal justice reform package is a good first step in a long process to eliminate systemic racism here in Illinois. I respect our police department here in Naperville and I trust that they are willing to evolve as our community moves forward.

80. Officer Patrick O'Connor NPD I would like to thank the City Council for your anticipated support of this resolution. I believe the legislative process undertaken at our state level is problematic and undermines the maintenance of a safe society. It is disappointing to read reactionary legislation created by elected officials unaware or blind to the challenges of this profession. However, I am greatly encouraged to see your support at a local government level. It means a lot to know that the representatives of the community that I am sworn to protect and serve have my back. Thank you again for your consideration of this resolution.

81. Tom Cordaro

I urge you to reject the recommendation for Governor Pritzker veto Criminal Justice Reform Bill HB365. The systemic racism that exists in our many social, political, economic and religious institutions can become lethal when it manifests itself in the criminal justice system. History makes clear that this lethal brew of laws, policies, regulations and institutional culture must be addressed by asking this most important question: How does our criminal justice system-- its laws, policies, regulations, guidelines and oversight mechanisms --impact the poorest and least powerful people in our community?

82. Edward Crotty

I urge the council to *not* adopt this resolution - HR 3653 should have almost no effect on good cops - but it will make it easier to get problem cops off the force - and keep them off. The events of the past few years have shown countless times where police

have used excessive force with citizens of color, while white citizens are treated with respect. Dylan Roof killed 9 in cold blood, and was armed, yet he was arrested unharmed and given Burger King for lunch, while a Cleveland police officer shot and killed Tamir Rice - a 12 year old with a toy - in less than 2 seconds. The status quo is unjust and unsustainable. A google search for "naperville police settlements" shows a number of cases where comprehensive body camera footage would have either exonerated officers and saved taxpayers money in settlements or identified officers who needed additional training. This bill helps with both of these. HR 3653 also ends the injustice that people with money can get out of jail awaiting trial while the poor are stuck in jail. Justice should not have a price tag. Getting out on bond should be about risk, and not wealth. We wholeheartedly appreciate the good cops in Naperville, and in Illinois - but the bad ones need to be weeded out. This gives society the tools to do so. A vote to encourage veto is a vote to ignore problem cops, and to deny justice to the poor. Please vote against this resolution.

83. Tom Sheehan – Naperville Fraternal Order of Police

“Greetings, On behalf of the Naperville Fraternal Order of Police, I am writing you in reference to House Bill 3653, which is a total affront to and attack upon the people of Illinois. Per HB 3653, on page 326, paragraph (a-1) it states, “Law enforcement shall issue a citation in lieu of custodial arrest, upon proper identification, for those accused of traffic and Class B and C criminal misdemeanor offenses, or of petty and business offenses, who pose no obvious threat to the community or any person, or who have no obvious medical or mental health issues that pose a risk to their own safety. Those released on citation shall be scheduled into court within 21 days.” Class B and C offenses include criminal trespass to property, as well as telephone threat/telephone harassment, among many others. That means when police are called to a scene for criminal trespass, officers would be required to merely write a citation to the offender, and not effect an arrest. What happens if/when the offender then refuses to leave? That’s a good question. Maybe the officer has to keep writing them tickets, while the offender just keeps offending. As in many of spots, the legislation is unclear. Furthermore, when a suspect is making telephone threats against a victim, or threatening in another manner such as through electronic communication or texting, again, the offender would merely be cited, and not arrested. The offender would then remain free to continue the calls or other forms of offensive communication. If anyone from law enforcement had been consulted reference this bill, the above issue/scenarios could have easily been explained. House Bill 3653 is a criminal's dream, and every law abiding citizen's nightmare.”

84. Kyle King

Please vote no on the proposed resolution that rejects the Criminal Justice Reform Bill, without nuance or care to distinguish which policies the Council, acting on behalf of all Naperville residents, find objectionable. The proposed resolution contributes to the hysteria around this bill, without contributing meaningfully to the discussion or proposing policy alternatives. The bill did not simply materialize from nothing in the wee hours of the session and material changes were made as a result of the legislative process, including hearings, that stripped controversial provisions related to qualified immunity and collective bargaining rights. Further, the bill provides for accommodating implementation time frames in nearly all aspects, for example, the elimination of cash bail would not take effect until 2023 allowing two years for further discussion and implementation. The resolution is a poor use of the Council, staff, and the communities

time. I would ask you to think back to the items you've recently tabled to future meetings or proposals that sit idle due to the limits of staff time. Please vote no on the resolution.

85. Leslie Ruffing - Naperville chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
Good evening: On behalf of the Naperville Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America group, I urge the Naperville City Council to Vote NO on item 21-0111 on the agenda, to "Adopt the resolution regarding HB3653 (Criminal Justice Reform Bill), disapproving of the legislative process and recommending Governor Pritzker's veto." The city council's resolution lays claim that the bill was passed quickly and without the input of the public or law enforcement, while ignoring the fact that over the past four months, the Illinois Senate has conducted public hearings on specific legislative proposals related to criminal justice reform. In fact, much of the content of the hearings was based on legislation already pending before the General Assembly, with the first public hearing taking place on September 1, 2020. While the final version of the bill was not submitted until the wee hours of the last meeting of the General Assembly, that was because changes were being made to accommodate the wishes of law enforcement professionals and to address concerns posed by legislators. I believe the city council's focus should stay on the bill itself. This criminal justice reform bill addresses many of the systemic changes for which people have been advocating for many years. Many of the aspects of the bill also enjoy broad approval among Illinois residents. For example, 80% of Illinois voters say it should be a major priority to establish clear and consistent statewide limits surrounding the use of force by police, including deadly force. 76% of voters in Illinois support banning chokeholds, and 78% support requiring a state agency to report when a police officer uses force. This bill is voluminous because we need big change in order to confront decades of discrimination and injustice. Please vote NO on item 21-0111. Thank you

86. Janice Guider

On Monday, January 18, 2021, our community coalesced around the "dreams" of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, who struggled for civil rights, equality, and economic rights for all citizens. Tomorrow, January 20, 2021, our nation and community will coalesce around a new president with the promise of "Our Best Days Still Lie Ahead." If there are lessons learned these past four years it is how we should hold truth close to our heart, recognizing there are those who market in falsehoods for personal gain and from an abundance of fear and intolerance. Contrary to questionable people's falsehoods, HB 3653 was not rushed through in the dark of night. The Bill does not defund the police. Representatives from both parties discussed and amended the Bill. It does not allow individuals charged with a serious offense and present a continued threat to the community to be released while awaiting trial. It does not prevent a judge from revoking a pretrial release. Nor does it affect prison time or sentencing for convicted felons serving time for heinous crimes. This Bill provides a much-needed reform to make policing more effective in Illinois, including amplifying law enforcement training standards. The Bill addresses officer wellness and mental health awareness and screenings. The law protects our children from adverse experiences by requiring police officers to develop a plan to protect children during search warrant raids. And speaking of children... the eyes of our children, our youth are upon us City Council Members. The time for us to join forces and help unite our nation begins with an end to such foolishness with projecting fear when there is no real cause... let's start right here... at home

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1. James Durkin
 2. Jennifer Bruzan Taylor
 3. Sheriff James Mendrick _ DuPage County Sheriff's Office
Robert Berlin - DuPage County State's Atty
 4. Brian Armstrong
 5. John Reed – Naperville Fraternal Order of Police
 6. Elena Deuchler – Naperville Police Dept.
 7. Vasavi Chakka
 8. Andrea Douglas – QUESTIONS ONLY
 9. Patrick Haran – Petitioner -QUESTIONS ONLY
 10. Jaime Diaz - QUESTIONS ONLY