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**MAYOR'S OFFICE STATEMENT ON INDEPENDENT MONITOR'S REVIEW OF
CITY'S RESPONSE TO PROTESTS**

"The Independent Monitor has been a critical partner on our road toward building a more transparent, accountable and professional police force, and we join in the request for her thorough review of the City's response to the protests, violence, and looting in the wake of the killing of George Floyd by the Minneapolis Police."

"Since the onset of these events, Mayor Lightfoot and Superintendent Brown have been unequivocally resolute that police misconduct of any kind will not be tolerated and those found committing wrongdoing will be held fully accountable. Just as the overwhelming majority of protests remained peaceful this week, the vast majority of officers followed their training and supervisor direction during these difficult times. Nonetheless, we will continue to vigorously investigate all reports of excessive force arising from this week."

"The Chicago Police Department's road to reform began more than four years ago with the Police Accountability Task Force that was led by Mayor Lightfoot. This week, the Mayor doubled down on her commitment to meaningful, enforceable police reform through new measures that will be implemented in the next 90 days, including crisis intervention and procedural justice training, a new recruit program on police-community relations, a real officer wellness program and additional reform measures. Our work towards reform has never been more important than it is today, and we look forward to working with the Independent Monitor to build on the progress we've made over the last several years."

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