

# FOP 7 Press Release...

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## FOP FILES FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS FILED BY ALDERMAN JOHN ARENA

### ***FOP says CR Complaints violate CPD Members' Rights***

**Chicago, IL, January 31, 2018**—The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) has filed a Freedom of Information (FOIA) request with the City of Chicago in response to complaints (CR's) made by staff members of Alderman John Arena against CPD members.

The FOP has learned that members of Arena's staff have recently filed Complaint Register numbers against CPD members who voiced opposition on social media platforms to a building project in Arena's 45<sup>th</sup> Ward at 5150 N. Northwest Highway. Complaints by Leslie Perkins, Director of Communication And Outreach for Arena, claimed the officers made "racially charged" comments opposing the project.

The FOP believes these complaints are baseless and politically motivated. It further believes that, if pursued, complaints arising from Alderman Arena's office violate the civil rights of the named CPD members.

"This is very troubling," said FOP attorney Tim Grace. "By opposing a building project off duty on your own time in your own neighborhood, you are being racist? You are then accused of misconduct at your job? This is ridiculous."

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