

Chicago Justice Project

Working to increase access to justice related information.

September 28, 2007

Isaac Carothers
29th Ward Alderman
Chair
Police & Fire Committee
5937 W. Madison Ave.
Chicago, IL 60644

1. Please provide a copy of the transcripts to the following session (hearings) of the Police and Fire Committee of the Chicago City Council.

Please provide transcripts in a digital format.

Date: July 24, 2007

Time: 10 AM in the Council Chamber

Reference:

“A resolution introduced by Alderman Carrie M. Austin to discuss the Special State’s Attorney findings published in their report pertaining to the investigation of allegations of police torture under Lieutenant Jon Burge from 1973-1993.”

I am requesting a fee waiver, fast track, and expedited treatment because the subject concerns a matter of exigency to the public and news worthiness about what the government is doing. This statement of compelling need is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Please telephone me if I can clarify or expedite this request in any way. I expect your organization to fulfill this request in a professional and organized fashion and in the 7 working days allotted by Illinois law.

The Act requires the fullest possible access to public records. Denial of any part of this request be accompanied by a written statement of exactly what is being denied and the specific reason subject to judicial review. The law also requires that if part of a record is exempt from disclosure, you must redact and release all segregable parts.

Sincerely,

Tracy Siska
Executive Director