

# Chicago Justice Project

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Dear Ms. Mutchler:

My organization has been trying to obtain copies of transcripts to the following meeting of the Committee of Police and Fire of the Chicago City Counsel.

Date: July 24, 2007

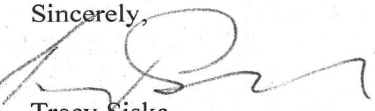
Time: 10 Am in the Council Chamber

My inquiries have been met with instructions to contact an outside court reporting service. I was informed today by a women in the Committee Chair's Office that the Committee does have a contract to purchase transcripts of their hearings from a court reporting service. She also stated that they are contractually obligated to not provide copies of that transcript to anyone. All inquiries about additional copies must be directed to the court reporting service.

The service quoted me a price several weeks ago of approximately \$917.00 for a copy of the transcripts in either paper or digital format. Please find attached a copy of a FOIA request I made with the Chair of the Committee on Police and Fire 29<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Isaac Carothers. I have also attached a copy of the response they have sent me.

I appreciate your time in this matter and of course I am available to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,



Tracy Siska  
Executive Director