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Notice regarding meetings of the Cook County Justice Advisory Council:

The JAC has grown in size and scope over the last two years and we are leveraging this momentum to re-evaluate and bolster our community engagement and advisory board infrastructures. No further Advisory Board meetings will take place as presently formatted and scheduled. This includes the last meeting of this year which was scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 9, 2023.

The public meetings regularly hosted by the Advisory Board have proven to be a reliable community engagement pathway that educates stakeholders about the JAC's direction in key areas of justice and equity reform. So, while we are sunsetting the Advisory Board in its current form, we are pleased to announce we will build upon the JAC's community engagement strategies, including the historic "Advisory Board" model, and move towards a more unified community engagement infrastructure that reflects the interconnected work of the Bureaus and Departments of Cook County. The evolution in how we engage community will prioritize accessibility for residents to meet at times and places they are most able to do so and compensating participants for their time where appropriate.

We have targeted the second half of fiscal year 2024 to begin rollout of this new model and will communicate with stakeholders and post updates on our website with meeting dates when confirmed. In the meantime, the JAC will focus on the strategic planning necessary for this transition but we remain available to answer questions from stakeholders and the public.

Thank you for your engagement with the work of the Justice Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

Avik Das

Executive Director