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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will caravan to CPD Headquarters in response to the wrongful and demeaning raid on Anjanette Young

The Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (CAC) stands in solidarity with Black women who have been victims of botched raids and vows to advance efforts to end the denigration of Black women through our initiative “Supporting our Sisters”. As a sorority with a foundation built on public service and social action, we cannot remain silent regarding the disrespect and mistreatment of Black women in our city. Ms. Anjanette Young, social worker and Chicago resident, joins the ranks of other Black women like Sharnia Philips and Cynthia Eason who were subjected to these same grave injustices.

We are outraged over the egregious violation of the civil rights of Ms. Young as witnessed by millions in footage that made the national news. We all watched and listened in horror as she was humiliated and handcuffed by all male police officers in February 2019 which was not exposed until December 2020.

We are further outraged by the City of Chicago’s efforts to deny her FOIA request for the video which took repeated media coverage and a federal court action to get the video released 20 months later. This incident was indecent and disrespectful. The way Ms. Young was treated is an affront to *all* Black women across the city of Chicago and should not go unpunished by city officials. We will not let these actions go unnoticed.

To demonstrate our objection to the systemic policies that contribute to botched raids and violations against black women, CAC is coordinating a Supporting Our Sisters Caravan. Anyone wishing to join the Caravan will depart D’Estee, Inc., 4525 S. King Drive, Saturday, January 9, 2021 @ 2:45pm. The Caravan will travel to the Headquarters of the Chicago Police Department at 35th & Michigan Ave.

The Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a chapter of over 500 college educated women dedicated to public service and social action with an emphasis on the Black community.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private non-profit organization founded in 1913. Our goals are directed toward the provision of services and programs that promote human welfare. Our membership exceeds 300,000 predominately African American, college educated women in more than 1000 chapters, located in 44 states and several foreign countries. **The Chicago Alumnae Chapter** boasts a membership of more than 500 professional women rendering public service under the sorority’s Five-Point Programmatic Thrust—**Economic Development; Educational Development; International Awareness and Involvement; Political Awareness and Involvement and Physical and Mental Health.**