

## Chicago's Budget Process Needs a Transformation



### Key issues with Chicago's budget process:

1. Impediments to information sharing
2. Lack of independent City Council leadership
3. Insufficient funding and resources for City Council committees and staff
4. Limited timeframe for budget deliberative process

## SOLUTIONS



### Empower City Council

Empower City Council with the right to executive branch information, analysis, and testimony. Select a leader among alders to oversee budget negotiations and committee leadership.

### Expand Resources

Empower an independent budget office with increased funding, staffing, and subject-matter expertise. Professionalize Council committee staff dedicated solely to legislative work.



### Restructure Budget Timeline

Advance and expand the budget timeline, including earlier release of the Mayor's proposal, mid-year reports, and hearings, including a legislatively mandated formal City Council response with amendments or alternatives to the Mayor's proposal.

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