

RICHARD WOOTEN 60 SECOND PSA

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RICHARD WOOTEN looks at the camera and begins his address.

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Hello I'm Richard Wooten, the Executive Director of Gathering Point Community Council. As a recently retired Chicago Police Officer of 23 years, I sympathize with the current problems the African American community is having with the police.

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You're upset, you're tired. What started as fighting to be heard... speaking up for justice, has turned into racial combat.

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Things will not resolve themselves with violence or making this a black and white issue. We have seen this played out in history before, with the Chicago riots of 1968. So, what is the answer? How can we create change effectively and peacefully?

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If we want the change we have to BECOME THE CHANGE. We understand why it's hard for you to trust the police department and that should NEVER be a worry a citizen has.

Pause.

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It's time to take ownership in our communities. Be the change that YOU DESIRE and take the test; become a police officer. If you're passionate about joining the force for change, contact The Gathering Point Community Council at (773) 260-0260. Or visit us online at [www.gatheringpointcc.org](http://www.gatheringpointcc.org). Thank you.