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ORDINANCE SEEKS REPARATIONS FOR CHICAGO POLICE TORTURE SURVIVORS

WHAT: Aldermen Proco Joe Moreno (1st Ward) and Howard B. Brookins (21st Ward) are filing an ordinance in the Chicago City Council tomorrow seeking reparations for the Chicago Police torture survivors. A press conference will be held with the Alderman, attorneys, activists and Burge torture survivors who are calling for these reparations.

WHEN: **Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 9:30 am**

WHERE **City Hall, 2nd Floor**

WHO: Aldermen Howard Brookins and Joe Moreno; Torture Survivor Anthony Holmes, Flint Taylor and Joey Mogul of the People's Law Office, Alice Kim of the Chicago Torture Justice Memorial Project.

WHY: Scores of Chicago Police Torture survivors continue to suffer from the psychological effects of the torture they endured without any compensation, assistance, and they have no legal recourse for any redress.

Mayor Emanuel recently apologized and acknowledged that the torture in the Burge era was a dark chapter in the history of Chicago, and expressed his desire to move on. The City cannot move on until the City formally acknowledges and apologizes to the torture survivors and provides them redress for the suffering they endured. The passage of this ordinance will complete this unfinished business.

The Ordinance serves as a formal apology to the survivors; creates a Commission to administer financial compensation to the survivors; creates a medical and psychological center on the south side of Chicago; provides free enrollment in City Colleges to the survivors; requires Chicago Public schools to teach a history lesson about the cases; requires the City to fund public memorials about the cases; and sets aside $20 million to finance this redress, the same amount of money the City has spent to defend Burge, other detectives and former Mayor Richard M. Daley in the Chicago Police torture cases.