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Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the steps my office has taken to improve public safety in Streeterville, following the tragic shooting that occurred on the 500 Block of East Ohio Street earlier this year.

Last month, I introduced an ordinance to establish a “No Parking / Tow Zone” on East Ohio Street to prohibit late night loitering, curbside “parties” and overnight parking. These new restrictions will assist the Police Department and ensure groups do not continue to loiter in the late night hours along East Ohio Street.

Additionally, I have asked Commander Bauer of the 18<sup>th</sup> Police District and Police Superintendent Johnson to significantly increase overnight patrols on East Ohio Street and their overall presence in Streeterville, to ensure compliance with these new regulations.

Commander Bauer has confirmed there are now increased patrols around East Ohio Street and across the broader Streeterville neighborhood. The Commander will continue to instruct his officers to keep a “special attention” for suspicious activity in this area. Please note that I regularly request the deployment of additional police officers throughout the neighborhood and will continue to do so.

With regard to the late hour weekend parties hosted at the “W Hotel / Lakeshore Drive,” we have formally asked the Police Department to conduct undercover vice missions on weekends to ensure strict compliance with liquor laws and to deter illegal activities on and around the hotel property. Because these are undercover missions, I am not able to share any additional details regarding this initiative, at this time.

My office also directed the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) to conduct a comprehensive lighting survey along East Ohio Street to determine if additional lighting should be installed in the area. Following their survey, CDOT has determined that existing lighting is sufficient and no additional lighting improvements are recommended at this time.

We also worked with the Office of Emergency Management and Communications and the 18<sup>th</sup> Police District to identify possible locations for the installation of additional city surveillance cameras. The cameras help the Police better monitor these areas

remotely to dispatch police officers in real-time, to address potential incidents in this area.

I am very pleased to announce that I have allocated a portion of the Aldermanic Menu to fund the installation of two additional city surveillance cameras on East Ohio Street. One camera will be mounted at the corner of Ohio Street and McClurg Court and another camera will be installed on Ohio Street, between McClurg Court and Inner Lake Shore Drive.

As you are aware, CAPS is a valuable resource that allows residents to address crime and safety issues directly with the beat cops who patrol their neighborhood. CAPS meetings are important accountability tools: issues raised by residents at the last meeting are kept on a list and reviewed at subsequent meetings to ensure progress is being made to resolve them.

Your police beat is 1834 and the CAPS meetings for your beat are held on the first Tuesday of every odd month at 6:00 p.m. at the Latin School of Chicago (Upper School), located at 59 W. North Boulevard. Further information can be obtained by contacting the 18th District CAPS office at 312-742-5778.

Please take a moment to visit our "Virtual Office" at [www.ward42chicago.com](http://www.ward42chicago.com) for the latest news regarding the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ward and important information about your neighborhood! Please take that opportunity to sign-up to receive our weekly e-newsletter for valuable updates regarding new developments in your neighborhood and downtown Chicago's 42<sup>nd</sup> Ward.

If you have a concern or require any assistance with a city-related issue, please do not hesitate to contact my office directly and a member of my staff will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

  
Brendan Reilly  
Alderman, 42<sup>nd</sup> Ward