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To: Alderman Brian Hopkins  
121 N. LaSalle St. Room 200, Chicago, IL 60602

Alderman Brendan Reilly  
121 N. LaSalle St. Room 300, Chicago, IL 60602

Commander Daniel O'Shea 18<sup>th</sup> District  
1160 N. Larrabee Ave. Chicago, IL 60610

CTA Transit Police

Re: Chicago & State Red Line, Grand & State Red Line

Recent events at Water Tower Place Mall and H&M Store, suggest that planning for additional enforcement actions are imperative. The Streeterville neighborhood has experienced an increase in anti-social behavior and criminal acts during the last several years. These anti-social incidents have primarily been caused by teenagers and young adults exiting the CTA Stations at the Chicago/State and State/Grand Red Line Rapid transit stations. The teenagers and young adults have mastered the use of social media to coordinate their plans and their efforts seem to have outpaced the city's ability to maintain a safe environment.

Crimes and anti social behavior have affected not only the residents of Streeterville but also users; students, employees of the major medical institutions, commercial businesses visitors and tourists. This anti social behavior has spread to Michigan Avenue, Navy Pier, Oak Street Beach, Lake Shore Park, Seneca Park and North Avenue Beach. Criminal behavior at Lake Shore Park and Seneca Park has frightened many residents.

The activities of these young adults has caused significant concern for SOAR membership and others with a vested interest in Streeterville while the spring and summer months have been the most detrimental to our community, criminal activity has occurred almost any night of the year. Therefore, SOAR advocates that planning for additional enforcement and ameliorative actions must take place now.

Representatives of SOAR's Board of Directors respectfully request to meet with the CTA Transit Police Team; The 18<sup>th</sup> District Commander & representatives of Alderman Hopkins and Alderman Reilly's office to discuss the situation and to begin to plan before more incidents occur. We would like to explore better monitoring of social media and increase coverage from the Police Transit Team at the two stations during the peak hours.

**Streeterville Organization of Active Residents**

SOAR would further suggest that we would like to begin a dialogue with leadership representatives from community groups where these young people live. Perhaps an open dialogue between community leaders and government officials can be a beneficial step to help to resolve these ongoing problems.

Sincerely,

The SOAR Board of Directors

Cc: Lake Shore Park Advisory Council

Seneca Park Advisory Council

Mag Mile Association

Navy Pier

180 E. Pearson

200 E. Pearson

210 E. Pearson

250 E. Pearson

270 E. Pearson

840 Lake Shore Drive

Olympia Center

And other surrounding residential buildings