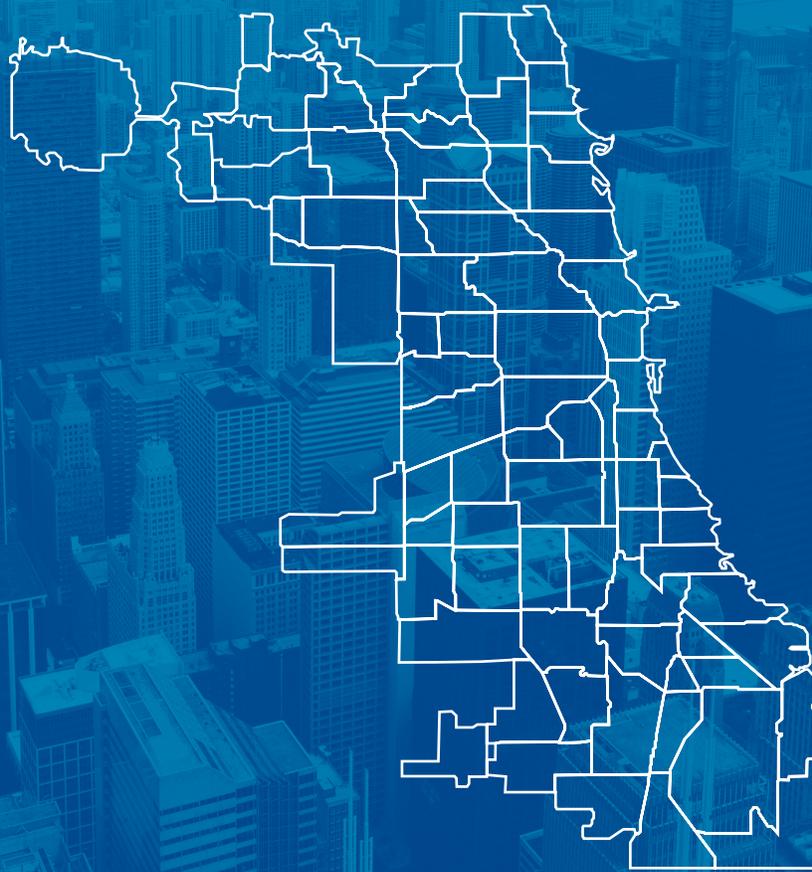




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Public Safety & Justice

THE SAFER 77 PLAN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD





Chicago is the greatest city in America... and it's going through a horrifying pandemic of violence. Crime, and homicides in particular, is the worst it's been since 1996. In 2021 a staggering 797 people were murdered, and shootings have gone up 53% since 2018. Carjackings—happening in neighborhoods across the city—have increased over 200% from 2019.

I'm running for Mayor to make Chicago safe. We need a plan, and we need a Mayor who can collaborate to get it done. Pulling up drawbridges is not the answer. We need to build bridges to all 77 of Chicago's neighborhoods.

In the pages that follow, you'll read my plan to bring a balanced approach to safety and justice that tackles crime now, but also addresses the root causes of crime.

I'm the son of a law enforcement officer and a teacher. I've seen firsthand what happens when folks like my parents serve as protectors and role models for our community. I learned from both of them that I wanted to help my community and fight for both justice and safety.

As a Black kid from the South Side, I also know what it's like to lay face down on a wet pavement, handcuffed, because a police officer said I "fit a description." I also know what it feels like to lose family members to gun violence in this city and to have dedicated detectives working day and night to bring our family justice. We must do a better job of making our citizens feel seen, heard and safe.

I've been fighting for my neighbors in Springfield for the past three years. I've been a leader in passing reforms to keep untraceable 'ghost guns' off our streets and enhance police training, all while working together to improve the criminal justice system. I know what it takes to do this work and get these changes across the finish line.

Chicago will be the national gold standard for both constitutional, community-based policing and robust community investment. My plan will **strengthen** the existing public safety and justice structures in place, foster **collaboration** among law enforcement and the communities they serve, provide **support** for our first responders, and work to **solve** crimes.

We are going to make Chicago safer. This is how we are going to do it.

Kam Buckner
Son of Chicago





STRENGTHEN

An effective Chicago Police Department (CPD) needs resources in order to best serve the community. These resources will take many different forms—from improved training programs to innovative, new intelligence units aimed at crime prevention. As a State Representative, I've fought hard to pass legislation that gives tens of millions of additional funding to officer training, funds a new forensic lab for the Illinois State Police, and dramatically improves mental health services for officers, including regular screenings and wellness training for recruits and current officers. Now it's time for Chicago to put these new services and funds to good use to strengthen CPD so our police officers have the tools they need to best serve all 77 of our neighborhoods.

BUILD A BETTER POLICE FORCE TRAINED IN VIOLENCE DE-ESCALATION

My administration will fill the 1,600 vacancies in the police force in our first two years in office. Every CPD employee, new and existing, will be thoroughly trained in implicit racial bias and violence de-escalation techniques.

FORM THE NATION'S FIRST INTERNET INTELLIGENCE UNIT

The Internet Intelligence Unit will be the first-of-its-kind in the nation to combat crimes that are being planned online, which is common in the case of carjackings, smash-and-grab retail theft, and murders carried out by gangs. We need specialized attention focused on monitoring online trends so that we can stop these crimes before they happen.

The Internet Intelligence Unit will be staffed by civilians. You don't always need a gun to support law enforcement's work, and this allows our sworn officers to focus on their work in communities, solving crime.

INCREASE NUMBER OF HOMICIDE DETECTIVES

More detectives in the Homicide Unit will ensure that victims of violent crimes get the justice they deserve. Currently, 90% of crimes go unsolved; when we reduce the rate of unsolved crimes, violent offenders will be taken off the streets and residents will be safer.

COMPLY WITH FEDERALLY MANDATED REFORMS

The Chicago Police Department is under a federally mandated consent decree, meaning that a judge has ordered CPD to implement reforms to ensure constitutional policing, better training, and increased mental health services for officers, among other things. As mayor, I will make sure CPD is in full compliance, which will make the department stronger and better equipped to serve the community. Coming into compliance with the consent decree will be a top priority of our public safety plan.

IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY

We will require all use-of-force incidents to be recorded and then publicly posted within 30 days of the incident to increase accountability and transparency within the police force.

We will pass the Anjanette Young ordinance to strengthen the rules around police raids to prevent discriminatory practices and wrongful raids.

ESTABLISH MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Add a Mental Health option to 911—511—to ensure mental health and crisis specialists, co-first responders, and neighborhood safety teams are deployed for medical emergencies. This will allow police officers to do the jobs they're trained to do, and people in crisis get the support and treatment they need from medical professionals. No one should be afraid to call for help when they're in crisis.

We also invest more in the city's mental health clinics to make sure people in need of support have a place to go.

CREATE AN AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAM

Community policing starts with recruiting officers from the neighborhoods where they will serve, making law enforcement an extension of the community. My Dad, who was a law enforcement officer, used to say that the worst thing to happen to police departments was the motorized squad car. Over the years, this has meant that fewer and fewer officers walk the beat. Instead, they drive from hotspot to hotspot and miss out on getting to know the real fabric of the communities they serve.

We need to rebuild lost trust through intentional recruitment and developing contemporary practices to foster the same levels of familiarity and respect that existed in the past.

REDRAW POLICE DISTRICT MAPS

Every ten years we redraw congressional maps, but CPD has not redrawn police district maps since the 1970s. Our police districts should reflect neighborhood changes and crime patterns, strategically positioning our law enforcement officers to work in the current landscape.

BOLSTER CTA SECURITY

Crime and violence across CTA systems is up this year, and we need a plan to keep passengers and operators safe. Current security systems are disjointed, complex, and inefficient. We need to centralize existing systems so operators can quickly evaluate issues and make decisions based on up-to-the-moment information.

Improving video technology is paramount to better monitoring and better collaboration. We need to add more cameras, increase monitoring, and make real-time information available to law enforcement, first responders and dispatchers. We should use video systems to detect potential crime before it happens.

Text Program

When confined to a small space, it can be dangerous for passengers to call 911. My administration will create a system that allows passengers to text emergency services in the event of a crime unfolding on the CTA.

KEEP CTA OPERATORS SAFE

Attacks on bus drivers in particular are on the rise. We need to outfit buses with plexiglass barriers to separate drivers from passengers to prevent petty crimes and misconduct against drivers.



COLLABORATE

Create more strategic partnerships and encourage collaboration with the Chicago Police Department to make ALL of our 77 neighborhoods safer. As a state representative, I've already introduced legislation that will mandate regular collaboration between all the stakeholders in the criminal justice system, something the current administration has failed to do.

CREATE A CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

I've introduced legislation to create a Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) to ensure everyone involved in the criminal justice system is working together to make our city safer. The Mayor should be the convenor in charge of bringing all the stakeholders together, not keeping them in silos.

The CJCC will ensure that the Mayor's office collaborates with the State's Attorney and the Chief Judge to resolve court backlogs and remove re-offending criminals from our streets.

PARTNER WITH CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS & CITY COLLEGES

We will create the first Youth Engagement Superintendent to partner with Chicago Public Schools to reduce crime committed by youth and young adults.

Through my work as the Executive Director of World Sport Chicago, I saw firsthand how indispensable sports and other extracurricular activities are to students. The Youth Engagement Superintendent will be charged with coordinating with CPS and the Park District to make certain all schools, no matter their zip code, offer holistic education with a variety of afterschool programs.

We will also partner with Chicago Public Schools and City Colleges of Chicago to recruit the next generation of law enforcement so that the members of our police department mirror the communities they serve.

IMPLEMENT VIOLENCE PREVENTION MODELS & CREATE JOBS

We must invest in stopping violence before it happens. In addition to filling the 1,600 police vacancies, we will invest in diversion programs and job creation for those most at-risk for experiencing violence, including previously incarcerated individuals. To start, we will double funding to the City Office of Violence Prevention from \$16.5M to \$33M and increase the funding we invest in proven violence prevention programs and scale them across all 21 police districts.

We will also pass the community-driven Peace Book ordinance to reallocate \$35 million to community-lead violence prevention.

We will implement Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), a method for handling non-violent crimes by diverting offenders to community-based, harm-prevention programs. Additionally, we will fund re-entry programs so residents returning from prison get the opportunities they need to transition back into society without recidivating.

To create well-paying jobs in communities that need them the most, we will establish an employment network in partnership with the 38 Fortune 500 companies headquartered in Chicago, and work with them to create summer jobs for CPS students.

We will further support people across Chicago with direct resources, including expanding the Universal Basic Income pilot.

COORDINATE WITH STATE AND NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

As a State Rep, I passed legislation to outlaw "ghost guns" and fought for comprehensive Red Flag laws. I'll use this experience to continue the fight at the state and federal levels to reduce gun violence.

As Mayor I will fight for better gun laws, stronger enforcement, background checks, incentives to turn guns in, and tough penalties for gun crimes and illegal sales. I will also push our federal partners to create tougher penalties for interstate gun trafficking to stop the flow of weapons from Indiana and other states.



SUPPORT

Providing the Chicago Police Department with better technology, better benefits, and better support staff will give CPD the resources they need to best serve our communities.

INSTITUTE STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAINING & REFORM

Chicago needs to institute training and reform for community safety and justice. We must establish programs that will result in better recruitment, retention, and community engagement, all of which contribute to less crime.

EMPOWER & EQUIP THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

There are 72 independent police departments in Chicago, including campus police, forest preserve officers, and other local and county units. Currently, there's no formal coordination between all of these police forces and CPD. We must use existing technology to connect these units and better share information in order to solve and prevent crime.

IMPROVE THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

We will remove unnecessary barriers that make otherwise promising candidates unhireable, such as credit score reviews. These barriers limit the pool of possible candidates at a time when fewer people want to become law enforcement.



SOLVE

The current arrest rate for shootings is under 15% and carjackings, battery, assaults, sex crimes, and armed robbery are all under 10%. The overall arrest rate for all crimes is 10%.

This is simply unacceptable.

An understaffed and under-equipped police force will not produce clearance rates that are sufficient to build trust with communities, encourage partnerships and keep our city safe. We need a comprehensive plan to solve crime in Chicago.

MISSING & MURDERED WOMEN

The Chicago Police Department must work with the federal government and the Missing and Murdered Chicago Women Task Force I recently established to bring resolution to these families.

CASELOAD MANAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

The caseload management CPD uses now is antiquated. We need better tools, starting with modernizing CPD's internal processes, to avoid evidence backlogs and delays in suspect identification that result in criminals remaining at-large when they should already be in custody.

VOLUNTARILY PRODUCE MONTHLY CLEARANCE RATE STATISTICS

In my administration, CPD will be responsible for publishing monthly clearance rates online and internally verifying that unsolved cases are not forgotten. Not only is this a necessary step for increased transparency, but it keeps cases alive that have not gone cold but may require renewed focus and attention.

**THIS IS YOUR HOME.
HELP US MAKE IT SAFE.**

Use your voice and offer your support. We need your help to make this city safe for us today and safe for our children tomorrow.

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