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STATEMENT: Kam Buckner condemns weekend violence, says it's further evidence that there's no violence prevention plan going into summer months

Interviews available upon request

The following is a statement from Kam Buckner, who launched his mayoral campaign last Thursday:

“This has been another tragic weekend throughout our city, with at least 30 children and young adults being shot, and five being killed. I’ve lost family and friends to gun violence in this city, and I know that void can never be filled. We need real solutions, and we need them now.

“Imposing a Millennium Park-specific curfew will not stop this pandemic of violence, it will simply push it from one location to another. This band-aid reaction is evidence that, yet again, as we head into the summer, there is no plan to prevent violence.

“The young people in this city need us to have a plan. Kneejerk responses restricting them from certain places without providing more resources and opportunities for them is shortsighted.

“Real violence prevention is about both public security *and* public safety. Public security is about making sure our law enforcement officers have what they need to defend communities from crime. Public safety is about making sure communities have the resources they need: a quality education, affordable housing, healthcare, and good paying jobs. Right now, Chicago is failing to provide both.”

