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### **ALD. ANTHONY BEALE RESPONDS TO FORMER POLICE SUPERINTENDENT JODY WEIS' MANPOWER PLAN**

During my tenure as chair of the Council's Committee on Police and Fire, I worked very closely with Chicago Police Superintendent Jody Weis' as he gathered data for his "manpower plan" that shows "we have enough officers to police effectively — as long as we effectively deploy them."

As a proponent of resource reallocation, I believe we have enough police to address the city's crime. What we don't have are enough police where crime is occurring. It has been at least 30 years since the CPD reallocated patrol officers to the districts that needed them most.

We are doing residents a disservice by repeatedly saying the city does not have enough police officers. The truth is that we have 700 more officers than we need, based on current census data. Therefore, instead of trying to find money in the city's budget to hire additional officers, we should be using the ones we have more effectively to ensure that all parts of the city are safe for residents and tourists alike.

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