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Ald. Bauman Extremely Pleased As MPD Focuses On Historic Concordia Area In The 4th District

A new anti-crime initiative will be welcome news to thousands of law-abiding residents in one of Milwaukee's most densely populated neighborhoods. The Historic Concordia/Avenues West Policing Plan seeks to reduce violent crime, prostitution, drug dealing, loitering, public drinking and loud music; abate nuisance activity; build stronger community relations; and, according to Police Chief Edward Flynn "remove the barrier of the patrol car and connect officers to the neighborhood."

"This area, on the periphery of downtown, is densely populated with a strong core of homeowners and renters who are very committed to their neighborhood," Ald. Robert J. Bauman said.

The area, according to Ald. Bauman, has been plagued with rampant drug dealing, prostitution, robberies and quality of life offenses for over 25 years. The alderman, a resident of the neighborhood for over 10 years, was victimized by a burglary on October 31, 2007 by a suspect who fits the profile of the precise type of actor which this initiative is aimed at addressing: an individual who lives in another part of the city but sees the Wells St. corridor as a target-rich environment for criminal behavior.

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“I believe in this neighborhood. It is my home and it is filled with cooperative neighbors and people who want to see it flourish. A crime program that incorporates the will of the community here and makes use of our commitment is one that will change the area for the better and the public should see this targeted use of police resources pay off nearly immediately,” Ald. Bauman said.

The area is also home to a number of major employers such as AT&T, Marquette University, Penfield Children’s Center, the American Red Cross and more who stand to benefit from this initiative in terms of improved public safety for their clients, customers and employees.

“I pledge the full resources of my office and that of city departments to support this initiative and I look forward to our partnership with the Milwaukee Police Department. We are ready for this,” Ald. Bauman said.

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