

**Statement of Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.  
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Over this past Memorial Day weekend, there were 28 shootings in our city in which four people were killed.

These senseless criminal acts of violence must cease.

While we as a community grapple with solutions to our everyday problems – both large and small – it is vitally important that the Chief of Police and the Milwaukee Police Department implement strategies to take our streets and our neighborhoods back.

The Chief must implement an action plan that reestablishes a police presence throughout the city. The Chief must also explore and implement Saturated Police Strategies as well as Area Specific Policing. It would be equally beneficial if enforcement of our Quality of Life ordinances were also increased. We eagerly await the Chief's guidance as it relates to our willingness to assist her and her staff in taking our streets back. Residents deserve a proper return on the investments they have made in our Police Department.

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