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Whereas: The City of Chicago has a responsibility to ensure that all people within the boundaries of her borders feel safe and secure, whether at home, work, school, and all other activities; and,

Whereas: It is the role of the Chicago Police Department to utilize all the tools available to them for the safety and well-being of the entirety of Chicago; and,

Whereas: Mayor Brandon Johnson, being so elected, has a responsibility to appoint a Superintendent of Police to lead in fulfilling the mission of the Chicago Police Department; and,

Whereas: Mayor Brandon Johnson needs the consent of the duly elected Aldermen to vote and authorize any Department Head within the Administration, including the Superintendent of Police; and,

Whereas: The City of Chicago is made up of 50 wards and 22 police districts; and,

Whereas: Chicago neighborhoods are plagued with shootings and gun violence; and,

Whereas: The current Superintendent of Police, as well as three former City of Chicago Superintendents, have all stated that Sound Thinking/ShotSpotter, is a necessary tool for the City of Chicago as it looks to reduce and help combat crime; and,

Whereas: Mayor Brandon Johnson made a unilateral decision to remove Sound Thinking/ShotSpotter; and,

Whereas: Mayor Brandon Johnson made a unilateral decision without consulting the individual Aldermen whose wards currently have Sound Thinking/ShotSpotter being utilized; and,

Whereas: It is the responsibility of the duly elected Alderman to secure as many resources as possible to uplift and protect their community; and,

Whereas: Mayor Brandon Johnson and his staff have put at risk the communities that utilize Sound Thinking/ShotSpotter, almost all black and brown communities; and,

Whereas: The communities that do not want Sound Thinking/ShotSpotter in their wards should have the ability to decide whether they want to keep their residents safe; just as the wards utilizing Sound Thinking/ShotSpotter should have the same opportunity; and,

Whereas: We, the undersigned, believe that Mayor Brandon Johnson has ~~committed a serious overreach in his role and~~ usurped the will of the City Council and their ability to represent constituents as duly elected Alderman; and,

Whereas: Mayor Brandon Johnson has removed an important piece of technology needed by our police and first responders, and the local communities that currently have the technology are begging to not only keep this tool but add more to the toolbox as we address gun violence in Black and Brown communities.

To create more transparency regarding SoundThinking/ShotSpotter, be ~~Be~~ it ordered by the City Council of Chicago:

1. ~~The Mayor shall reverse his unilateral decision to remove Sound Thinking/ShotSpotter; and,~~

2. ~~The Superintendent shall have an active role in decisions regarding the removal or reallocation of any police resources; and,~~

1. During the remaining months of SoundThinking/ShotSpotter, the Chicago Police Department collect data showing ShotSpotter's accuracy or performance against their core Service Level Commitments in the Chicago contract.
2. During the remaining months of SoundThinking/ShotSpotter, the Chicago Police Department collect data showing the quantity of ShotSpotter alerts that have no corresponding call to 911; and,
3. During the remaining months of SoundThinking/ShotSpotter, the Chicago Police Department collect data showing the quantity of ShotSpotter alerts that enabled officers to render aid to a gunshot victim where there was no corresponding call to 911; and,
4. During the remaining months of SoundThinking/ShotSpotter, the Chicago Police Department collect data to compare the average response time for arriving on the scene of a shooting when initiated by a citizen call to 911, versus when initiated by a ShotSpotter alert; and,
5. During the remaining months of SoundThinking/ShotSpotter, the Chicago Police Department collect data on the number of shell casings recovered as a result of a ShotSpotter alert; and,
6. During the remaining months of SoundThinking/ShotSpotter, the Chicago Police Department collect data on the number of weapons recovered by a ShotSpotter alert; and,
7. During the remaining months of SoundThinking/ShotSpotter, the Chicago Police Department collect data on the number of arrests resulting from a ShotSpotter alert; and,
8. During the remaining months of SoundThinking/ShotSpotter, the Chicago Police Department post the above-requested data on a city portal; and,

9. During the remaining months of SoundThinking/ShotSpotter, the Chicago Police Department produce a monthly report on the above-requested data (by police district and/or ward) to be shared with all 50 aldermen and key people in the administration; and,

Be it further ordered by the City Council of Chicago:

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1. No Alderman shall be penalized for standing up and requesting to keep his neighborhood safe through the loss of Committee or Council leadership, loss of project funding, or any other punitive measure by the Mayor or his allies; and,

2. Any decisions to remove any violence prevention funding including, Sound Thinking/ShotSpotter, from any ward shall notify the City Council in advance and hold a meeting of the Public Safety Committee prior to removal and with a full vote of the Council.

Alderman, 17th Ward