

## **The Audy Home Campaign Briefing**

*The Audy Home Campaign is a campaign to develop the leadership of youth impacted by juvenile incarceration to close the Audy Home and replace it with alternative programs in the different neighborhoods where youth are getting locked up.*

### **What is the Audy Home?**

The Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, also known as the Audy Home, houses children between 10 and 17 years of age, who are there awaiting trial for crimes they are accused of or because they violated their probation. It is located at 1100 S. Hamilton.

### **Who is in the Audy Home?**

Mostly youth from the South Side and West Side of Chicago.

In 2011 80% of detainees were Black, 12% Latino and less than 3% were White.<sup>1</sup>

**Many youth locked up are there for minor offenses like violating probation, like missing school or being out past curfew.**

**Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle has said that she will close the Audy Home by 2014.**

*What will happen to those youth?*

We believe in order for youth who are currently being locked up to reach their full potential, they need to be placed in quality programs in their communities.

**In 2012 the Audy Home Spent about \$43.6 Million.**

**President Preckwinkle should reinvest the Audy Home money into quality community programs.**

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<sup>1</sup> "The Conscious Chicagoan's Guide to Youth Detention and Incarceration." Mariame Kaba, Aug. '12

## **The County should reinvestment in Restorative Justice Hubs.**

### **What is Restorative Justice?**

Restorative justice is an idea of justice that emphasizes the harm that is caused by criminal behavior. It addresses this harm through a cooperative process.

**For example:** Say a youth does graffiti on a school zone and gets caught. Instead of locking that youth up restorative justice would be to make the youth wash it off and do positive graffiti such as a mural on the wall.

### **Restorative Justice Hubs are programs that have:**

- Mentorship
- Job Training
- Life Plans
- Peace circles
- Restorative Justice
- Accompaniment - to walk with youth through obstacles and offer support advice, advocacy and education.
- Partnerships with other community organizations

Precious Blood in back of the yards community is an example of a restorative justice hub.

We want programs like Precious Blood in every community!

**WE CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN!**

**JOIN THE AUDY HOME CAMPAIGN AND DEMAND COOK COUNTY REINVEST INTO COMMUNITIES.**

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## Woodlawn Data Snapshot

– by Fearless Leading by the Youth (FLY)

- Woodlawn has the 8th highest number of youth locked up than any other community in Chicago.<sup>i</sup>
- Youth programs in Woodlawn serve less than 100 “at risk youth.”<sup>ii</sup>
- Cook County Juvenile System spends over 2.5 million a year incarcerating youth in Woodlawn and surrounding areas<sup>iii</sup>
- Woodlawn is home to 4,119 youth in the ages of 6-17<sup>iv</sup>
- Woodlawn is in the Chicago Police Department's 3rd District which is home to around 11,441 youth<sup>v</sup>
- In 2010 there were 1,661 arrests in 3rd District, 316 of these were felonies!<sup>vi</sup>
- The majority of Woodlawn is considered gang territory. 2 main gangs dominate Woodlawn.

### The juvenile justice system is targeting black and brown youth

The juvenile justice system is focusing on African American men in all communities, not just majority black communities. We compared 3rd district, which is mostly African American, to the 18th District, which is mostly Caucasian.

**In the 18th district 93.37% of youth arrested are African-American even though African-Americans only make up 10% of the 18th district.** Also the 3rd District triples the number of school arrests over the 18th district even though the 3rd District only has twice the number of youth as the 18th district. **Our schools and communities are being targeted by the justice system.**

## **Youth Programs In Woodlawn**

**We looked into 32 programs in the community that serve youth. Though we have many programs in Woodlawn they serve less than 100 youth at high risk of being locked up.**

### **Gang lines prevent youth from accessing many programs:**

- *Teen Leadership*- is a youth program located on 6200 S. Drexel and some youth can't attend the program because Cottage Grove one block west of Drexel is a gang line. Since this is a gang line, some youth who are on the west side of Cottage Grove cant come to this program because it might put them in harms way. This makes programs less accessible for youth in the Woodlawn community.

### **An example of a program which serves youth at risk of being locked up:**

- *Battle On Wax*- is a program that mainly focuses on "at risk" youth in the Woodlawn community. Located on Southside Gospel Church on 863 E. 64th street, and also Christway Baptist Church on 1210 E. 62nd street. The program focuses on violence prevention in the Woodlawn Community, they do this through rap music (also known as beef rapping). "They can take shots at each other in the booth instead of the streets" said by the director of the program Demeatreas Whatley. Battle On Wax has these two locations because they are located in areas that are in conflict with each other.

**The \$2.5 Million currently spent locking up youth from Woodlawn and surrounding areas could be spent on expanding the programs that serve at risk youth and on serving areas that do not have programs.**

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<sup>i</sup> Arresting Justice: A report about juvenile arrests in Chicago 2009 – 1010.  
<http://arrestjustice.wordpress.com/>

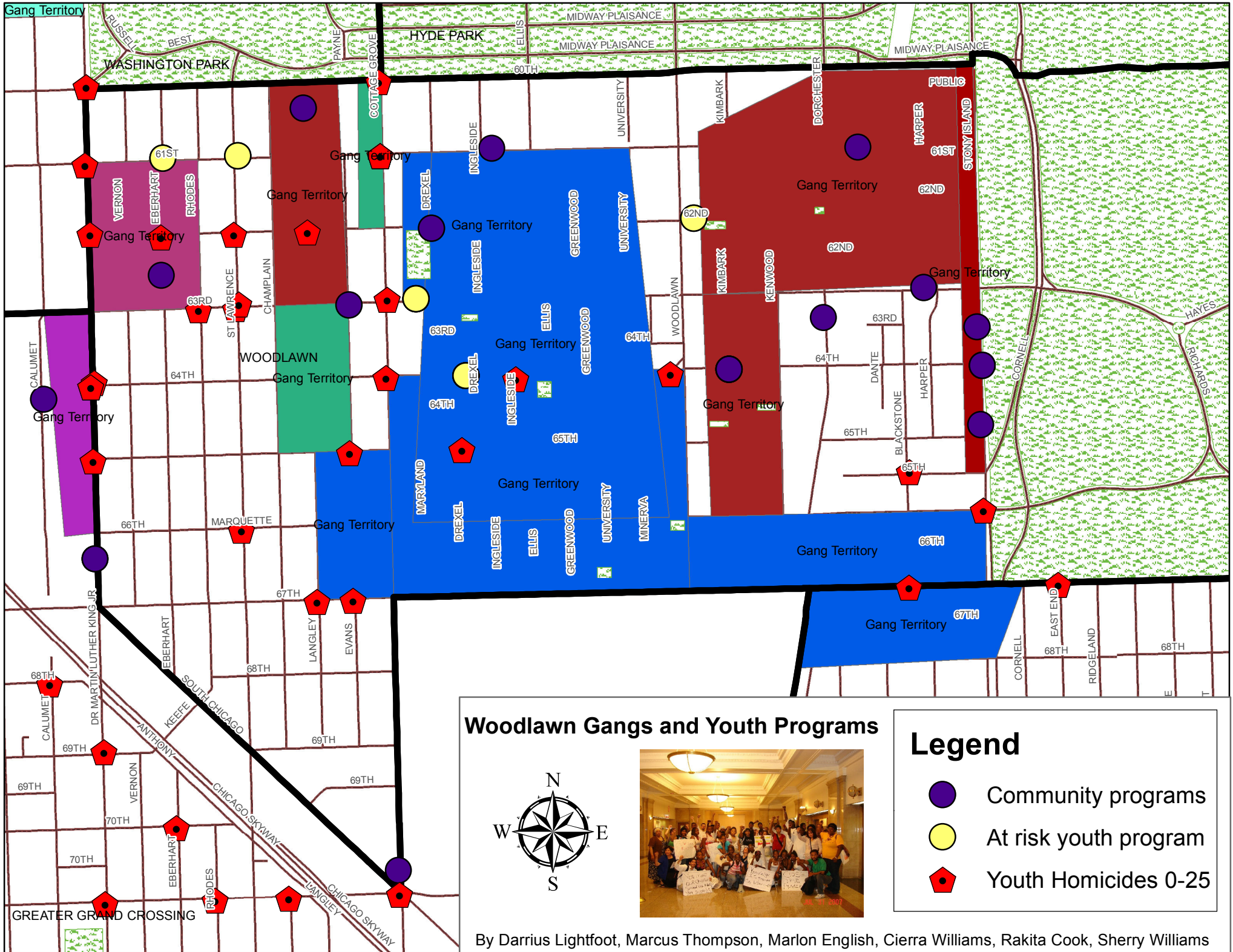
<sup>ii</sup> Based on FLYs analysis of youth programs in the summer 2012.

<sup>iii</sup> Based on Cook County's cost comparison: <https://cookcounty.socrata.com/Public-Safety/President-s-Office-Juvenile-Temporary-Detention-Ce/ix6b-at92>

<sup>iv</sup> American Community Survey 2009.

<sup>v</sup> Our estimate based on CPD 2010 Annual Report.

<sup>vi</sup> Arresting Justice.



### Woodlawn Gangs and Youth Programs

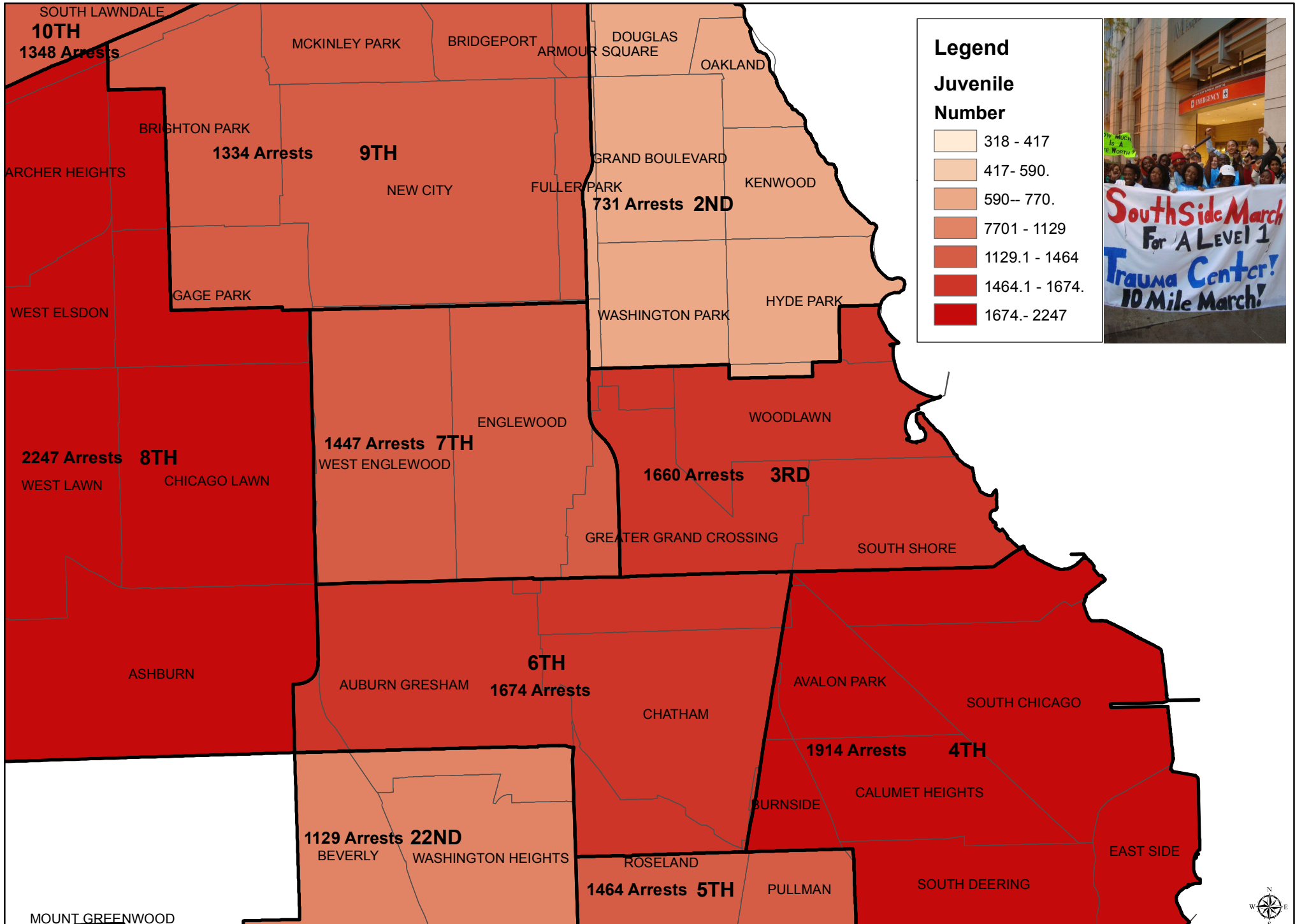
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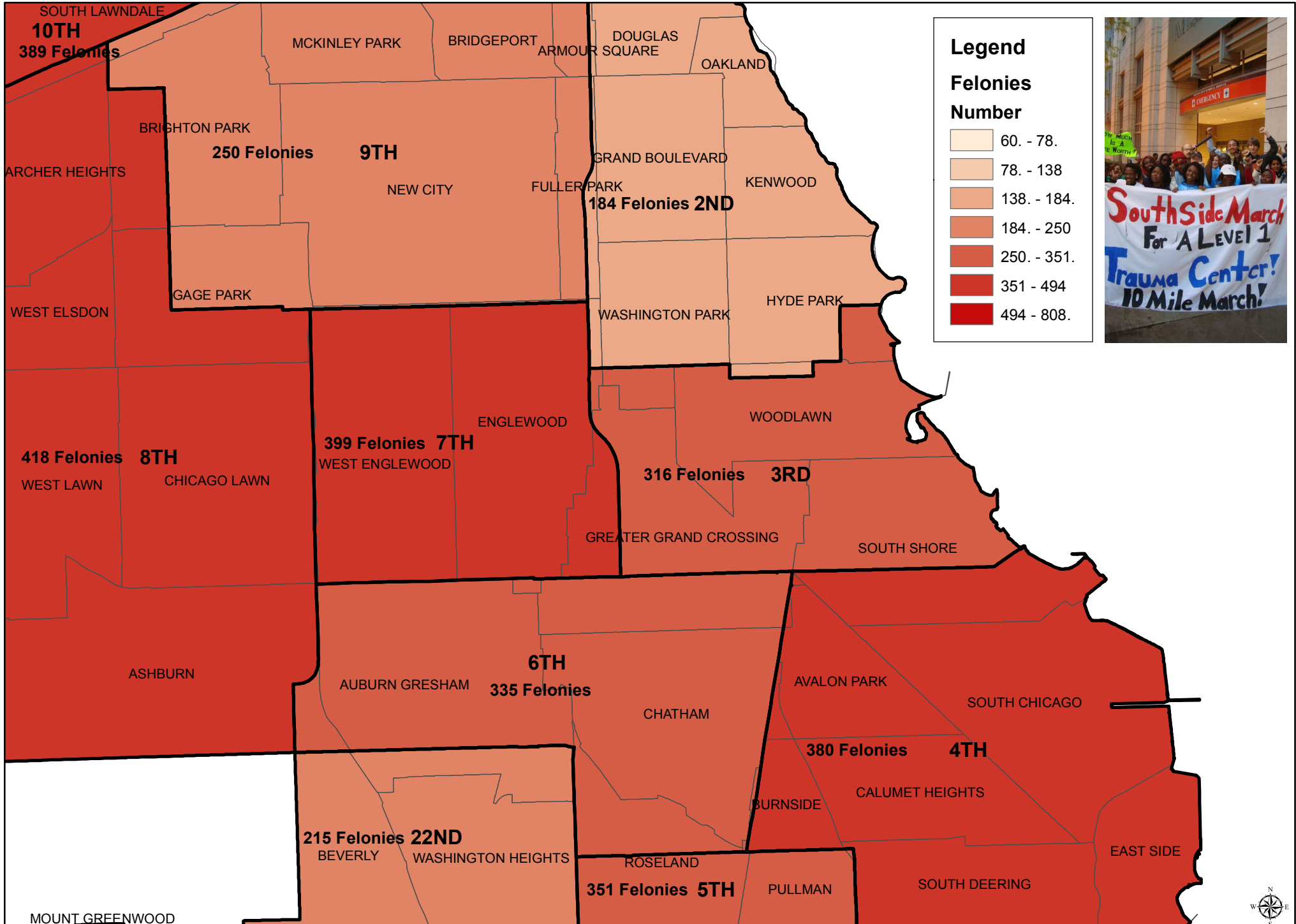
# Juvenile Arrests By Police District



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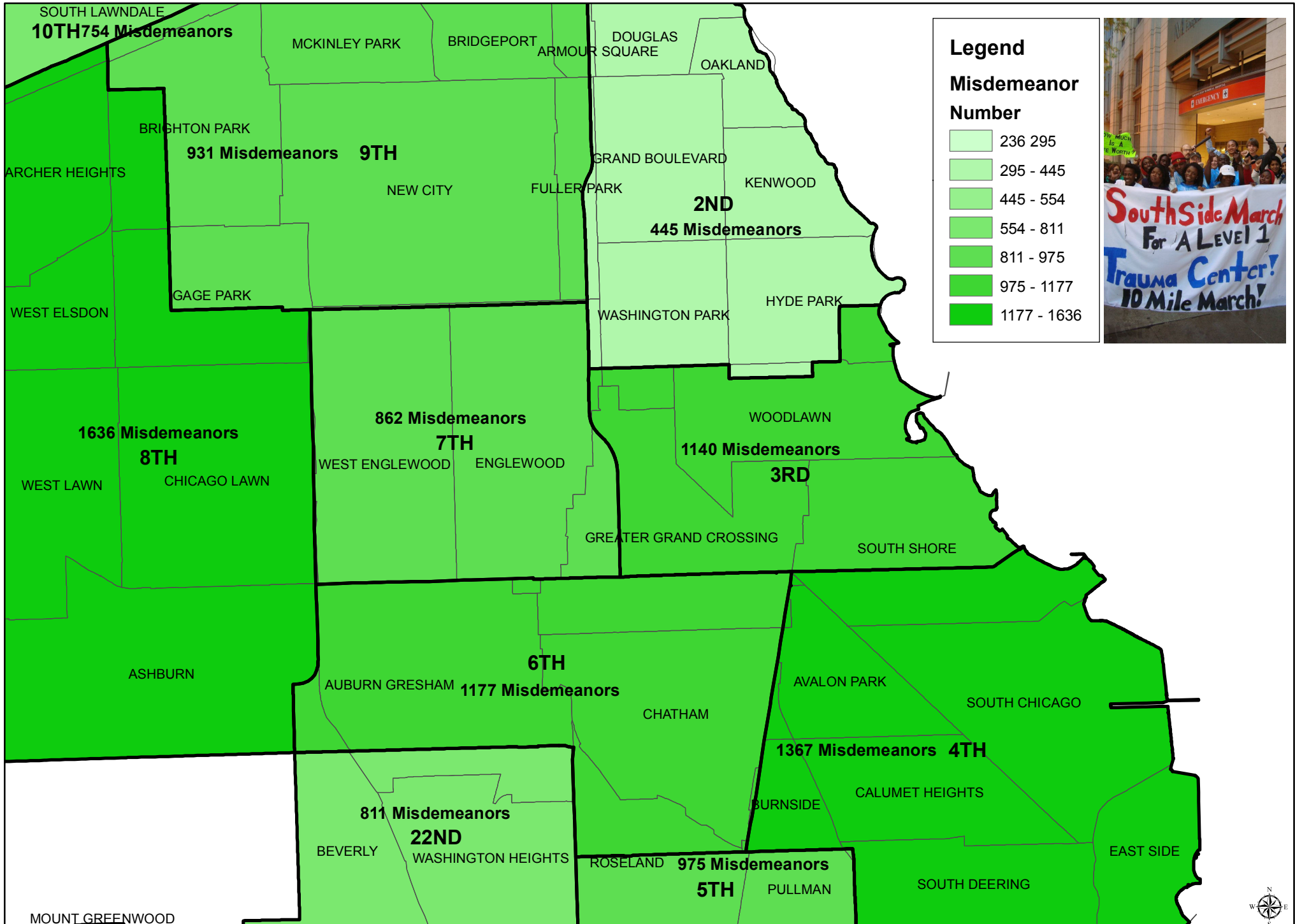


# Juvenile Felonies By Police District



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# Juvenile Misdemeanor By Police District



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