Civic Committee
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Statement from the Civic Committee on the Retirement of Superintendent Larry Snelling
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Chicago is a safer, stronger city thanks to Superintendent Larry Snelling's outstanding leadership. The Civic Committee is grateful to Superintendent Snelling for his tremendous contributions to the Chicago Police Department over the past three decades and we congratulate him on a distinguished career as he prepares to retire. Since taking command in 2023, Superintendent Snelling has led CPD with steady judgment, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to every Chicago community. Under his leadership, homicides fell to their lowest level since 1965, with shootings and robberies also reaching historic lows in 2025 — among the steepest single-year declines in Chicago's modern history.

Superintendent Snelling has strengthened morale across the force and put the department back on solid footing. He leaves CPD a stronger institution. The superintendent's singular dedication to collaboration and building bridges has earned him widespread respect among not only his colleagues but stakeholders across sectors, including the State's Attorney's office and other law enforcement entities, Community Violence Intervention groups, philanthropy, and the business community, among others. An incredible partner to our Public Safety Task Force, the superintendent has embodied the one-table approach that drives our work and we are proud of the impact we were able to make together.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Superintendent Snelling for his service to our city and wish him well in his next chapter.