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CHAIRMAN MENDELSON REACTS TO MPD STAFFING STUDY

WASHINGTON, DC – DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson released the following statement in response to the release of the [DC Auditor's study](#) regarding DC Police Staffing:

"The District of Columbia Auditor study presents crucial data points that reinforce the emphasis I have put on closing cases," Mendelson said. "Increasing the number of detectives working on cases directly correlates to the number of case-closures.

"The data gathered from this 18-month study demonstrates that while having more patrol officers may provide immediate and important comfort to District residents, having more detectives investigating offenses will actually bring the crime rate down."

In April 2022, Chairman Mendelson, along with Councilmember Charles Allen, requested that the Auditor examine police staffing levels to better understand the Metropolitan Police Department's force compared to police departments across the nation, as well as best hiring practices within law enforcement.

"The Council remains committed to supporting MPD's financial requests and I look forward to the Executive's Fiscal Year 2026 budget in which I hope there will be increased funding to hire detectives and other strategies targeted to reducing crime."