



April 8th, 2024

Dear Neighbors,

This morning, a 43rd Ward resident alerted my office of an antisemitic flyer that was spread in central Lincoln Park (near Geneva Terrace & Belden), some of which were placed in bags including a substance with the appearance of rat poison. Upon notification, my team immediately alerted the Chicago Police Department which has begun an investigation. A formal police report has been filed as well. In addition to these steps, my team also alerted local stakeholders and the Anti-Defamation League, as some of the flyers contained their logo.

This is not the first time our ward has seen incidents like this. To the people who are spreading these flyers, I have a clear message: you are committing acts of hate. My office, as well as the Chicago Police Department, will hold you accountable. Your threats against the Jewish community are repulsive, and vile, and will not be tolerated in our community.

To the Jewish community in the 43rd Ward and Chicago: I will continue to stand by your side in the face of antisemitism and dangerous acts of incitement as we saw today. I promise that my office and the Chicago Police Department will do everything we can to ensure the safety of the vibrant and loving Jewish community in the 43rd Ward. While whoever is spreading these messages is seeking to spread hate and fear, know that my office and our governing partners are committed to ensuring that Chicago remains a place where everyone is celebrated, included, and safe.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timmy Knudsen". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alderman Timmy Knudsen
43rd Ward