

Downtown Austin Alliance

Issues & Eggs: 6th Street's Next Act

St. David's Episcopal Church

March 25, 2025

Building Community Resilience

WHAT WORKS & WHY

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University of Nevada, Las Vegas

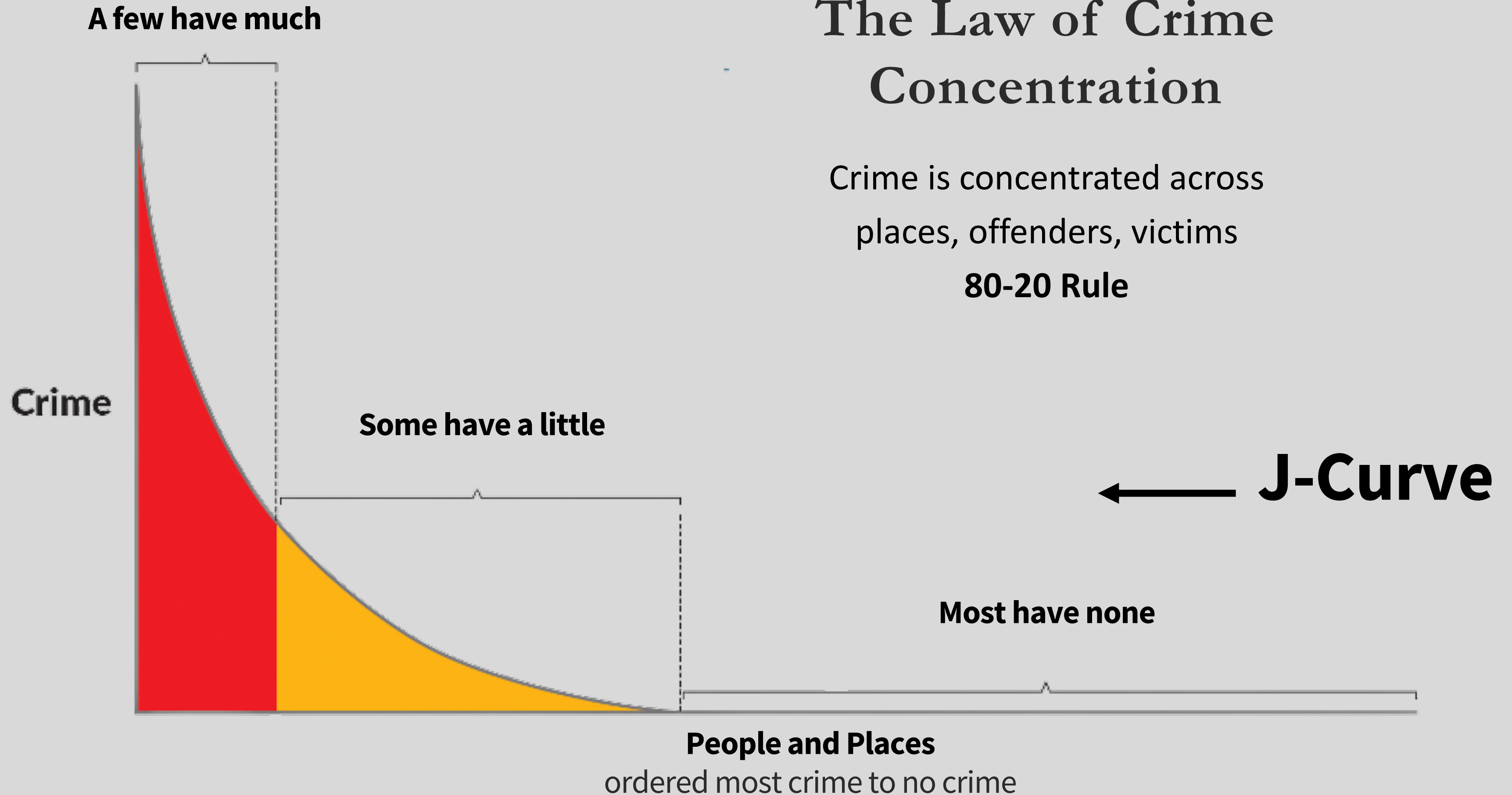


POLICE CHIEF
LISA DAVIS

The Law of Crime Concentration

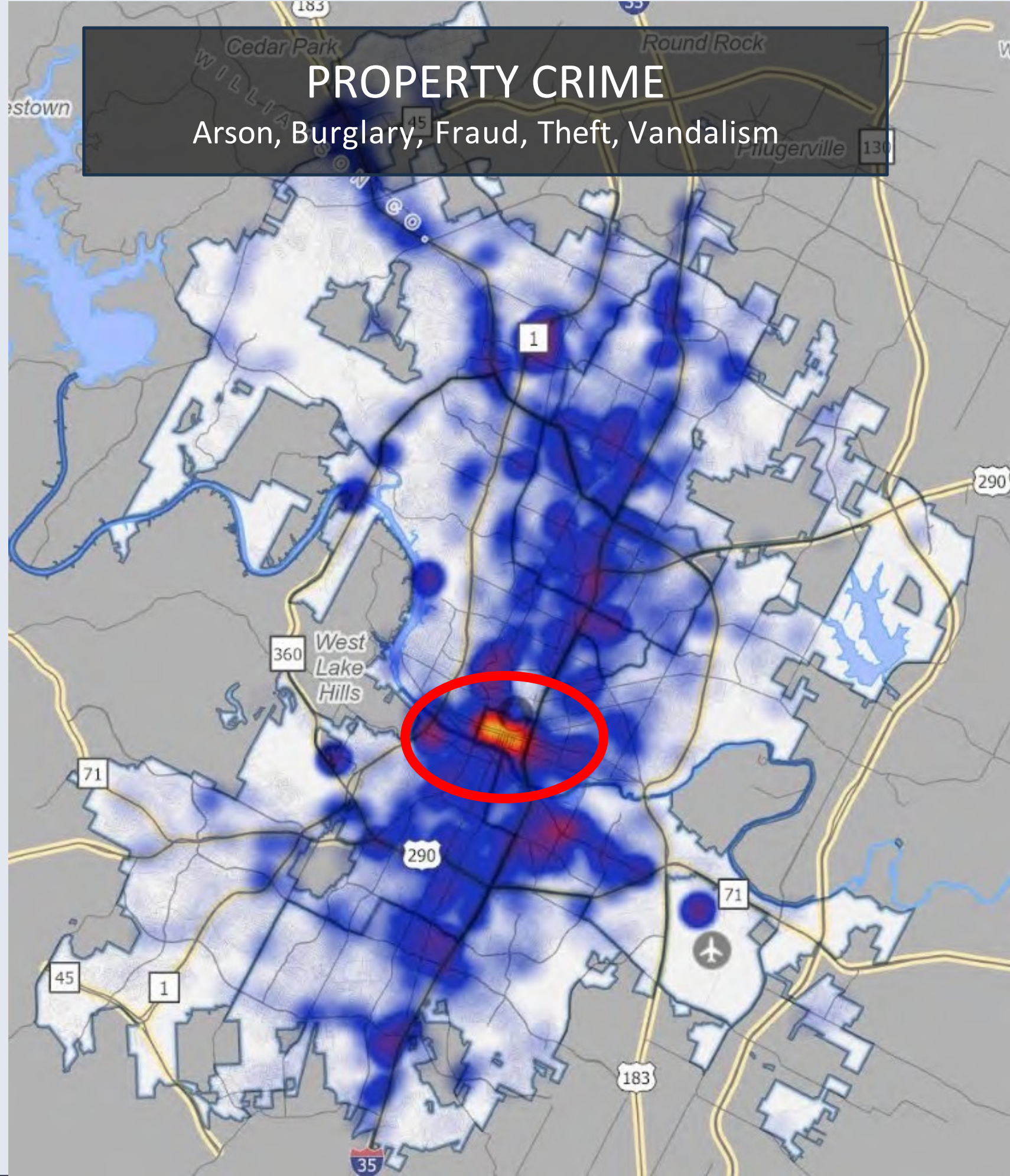
Crime is concentrated across places, offenders, victims

80-20 Rule



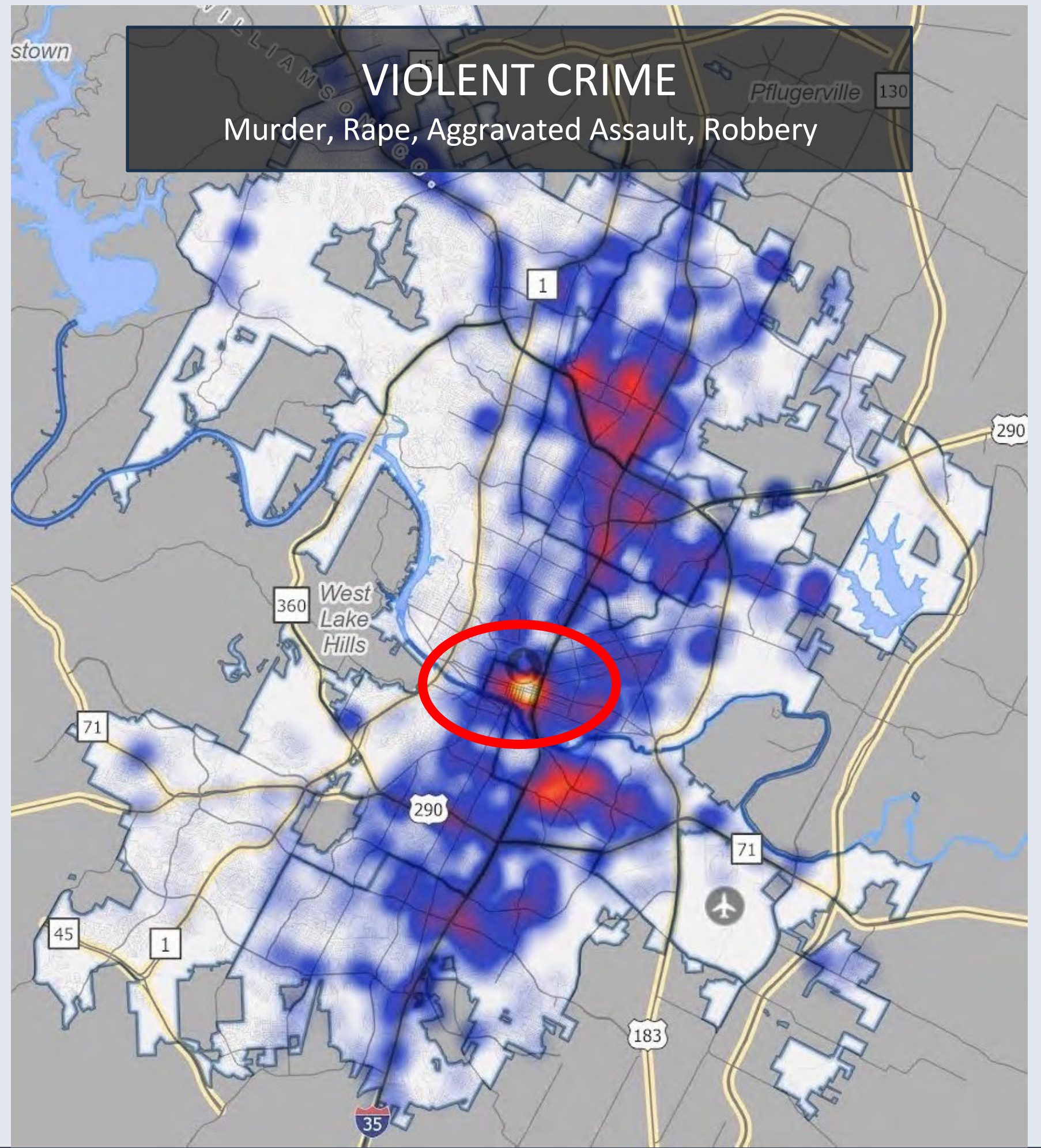
PROPERTY CRIME

Arson, Burglary, Fraud, Theft, Vandalism

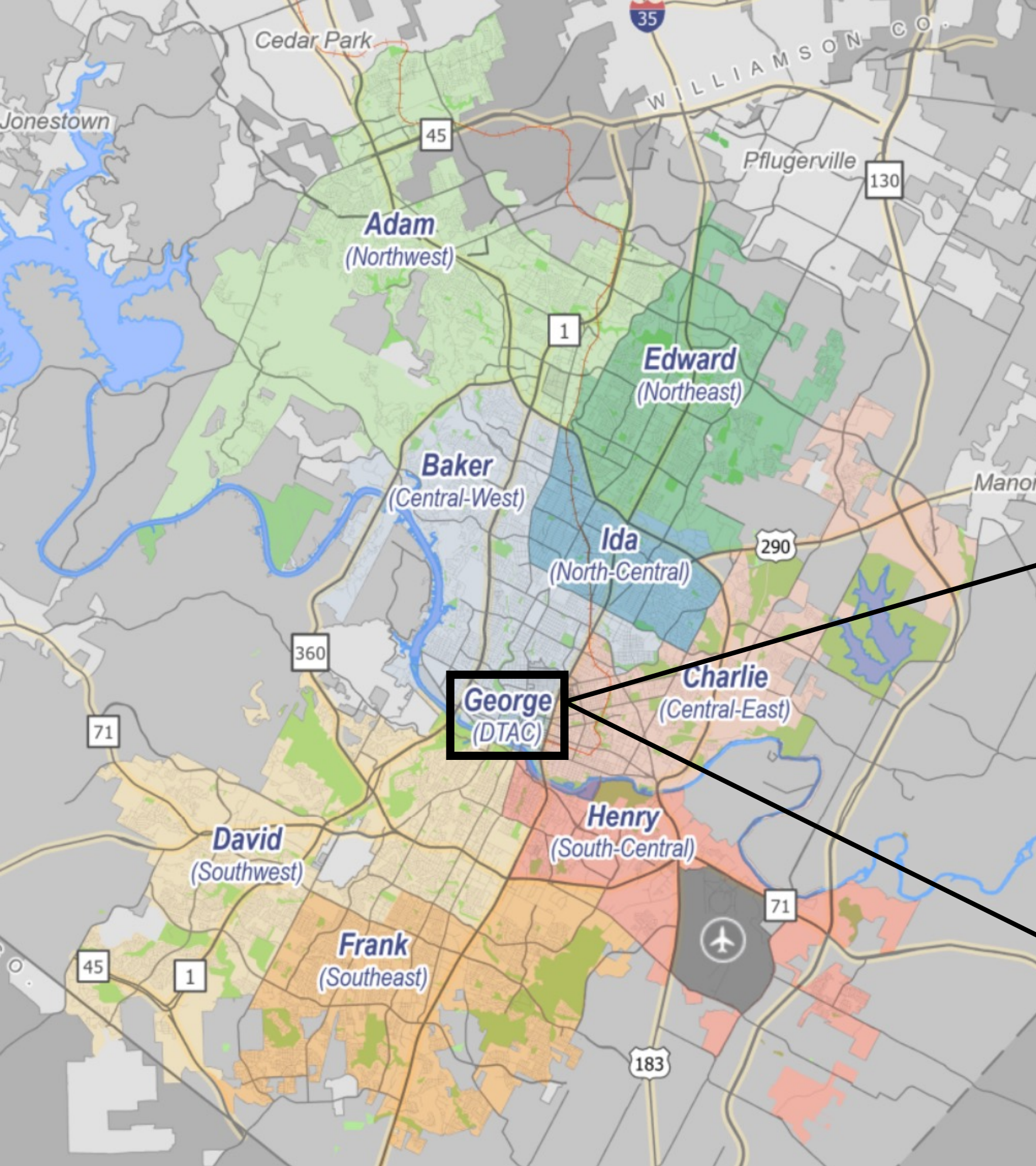


VIOLENT CRIME

Murder, Rape, Aggravated Assault, Robbery



CITYWIDE CRIME



Service Area & Sectors

SECTOR GEORGE (DTAC)
 <0.5% Service Area Landmass



ORIGINAL 6TH STREET
 <0.1% Service Area Landmass
 NS = 7th/5th; EW = Congress/I35

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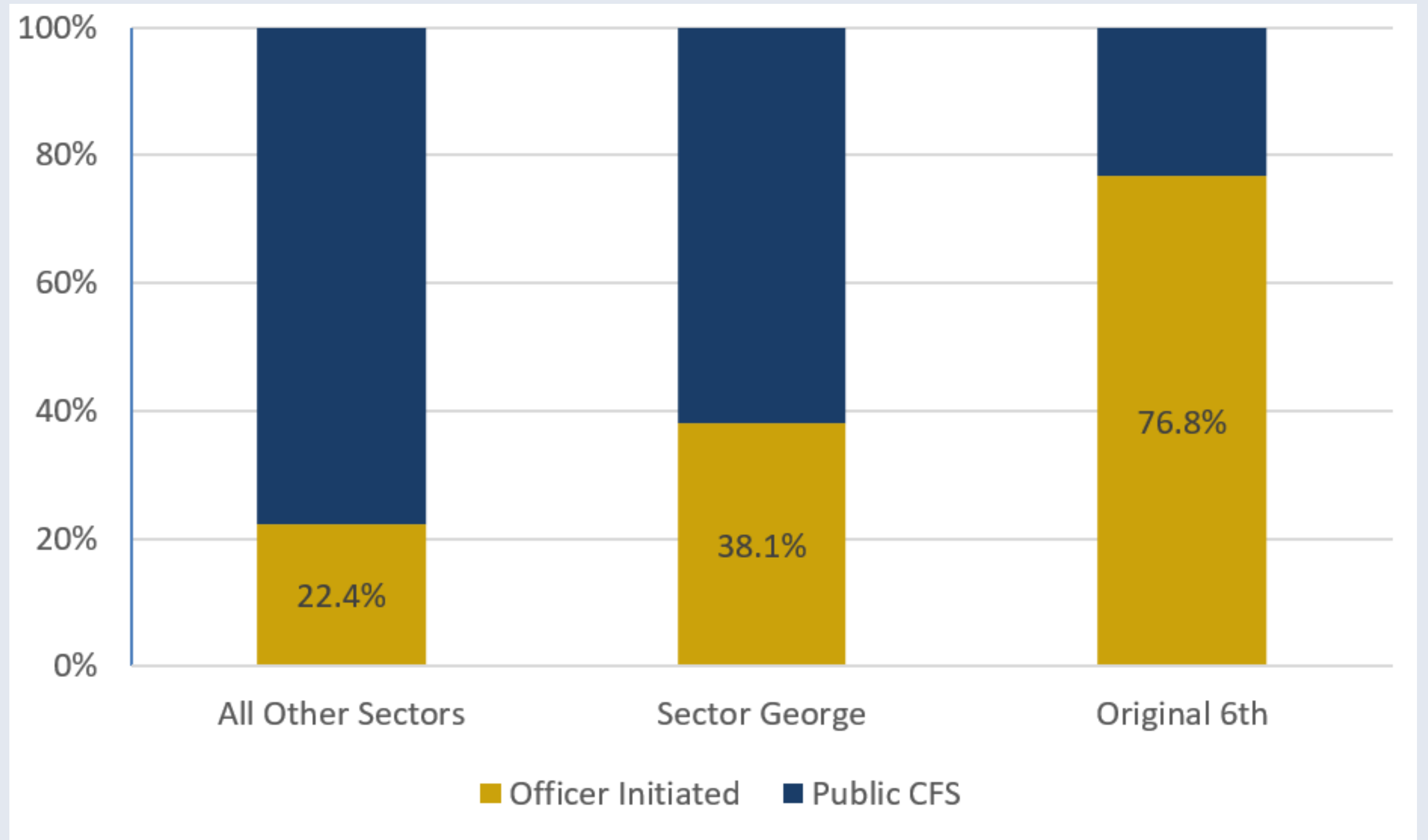
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Reactive vs. Proactive

OFFICER ACTIVITY



01/01/23 - 12/31/24



Response to Resistance

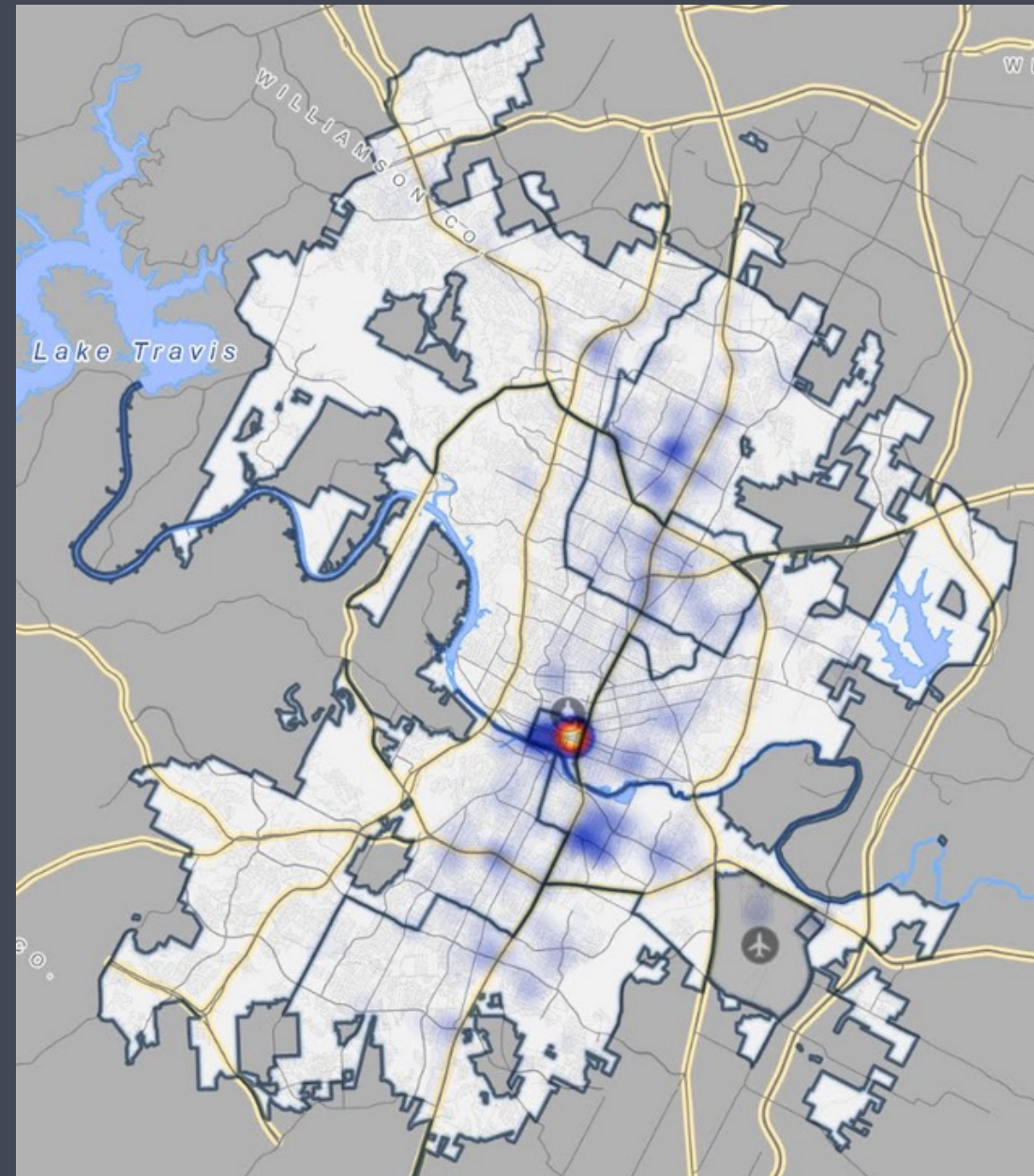
OFFICER USE OF FORCE

01/01/23-12/18/24

DTAC = 25.3%

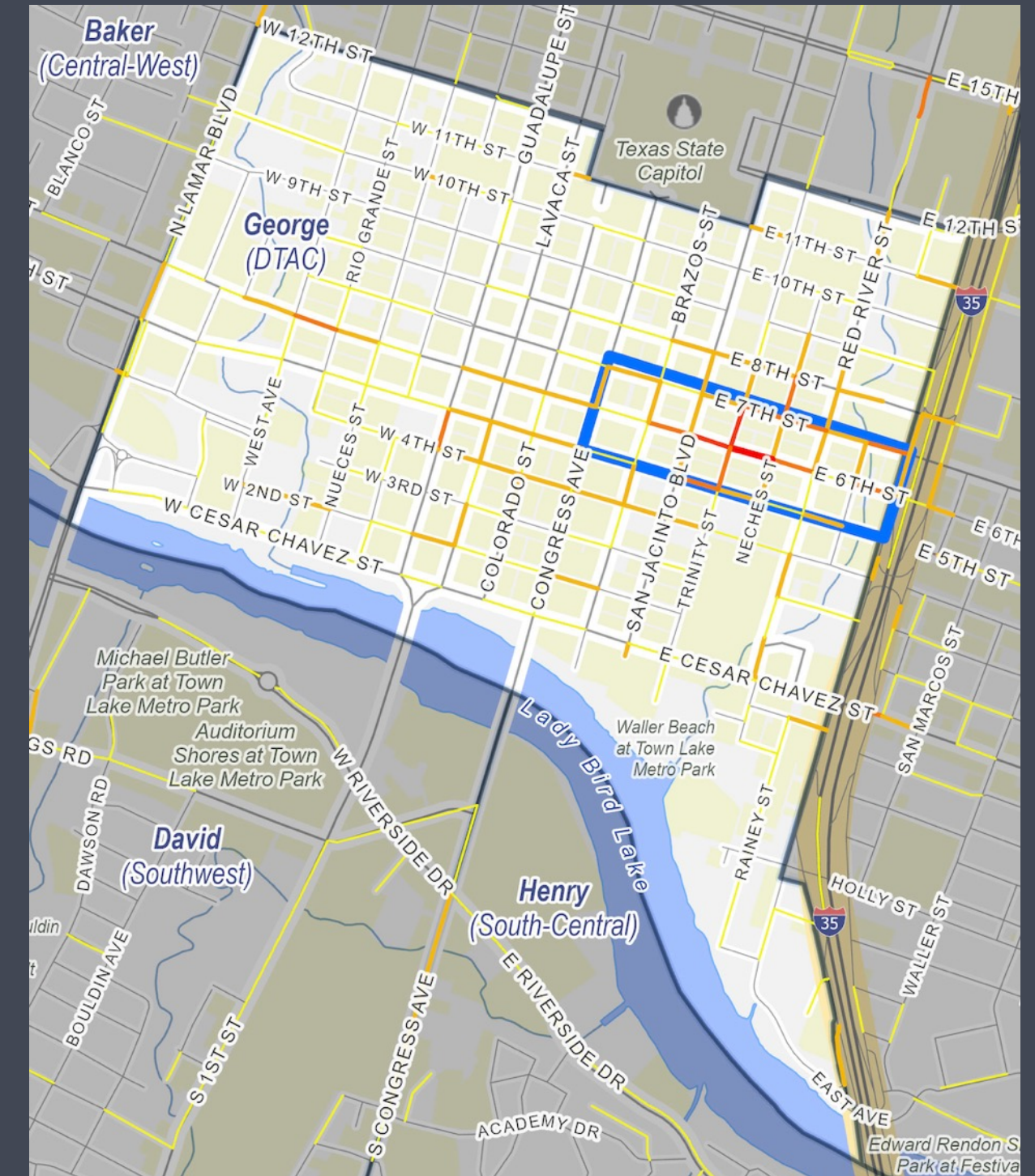
ORIG. 6TH = 19.1%

 = Original 6th



2023 = 5,640; 2024 = 6,056

SECTOR GEORGE = <0.5% CITY LANDMASS



ORIGINAL 6TH = <0.1% CITY LANDMASS

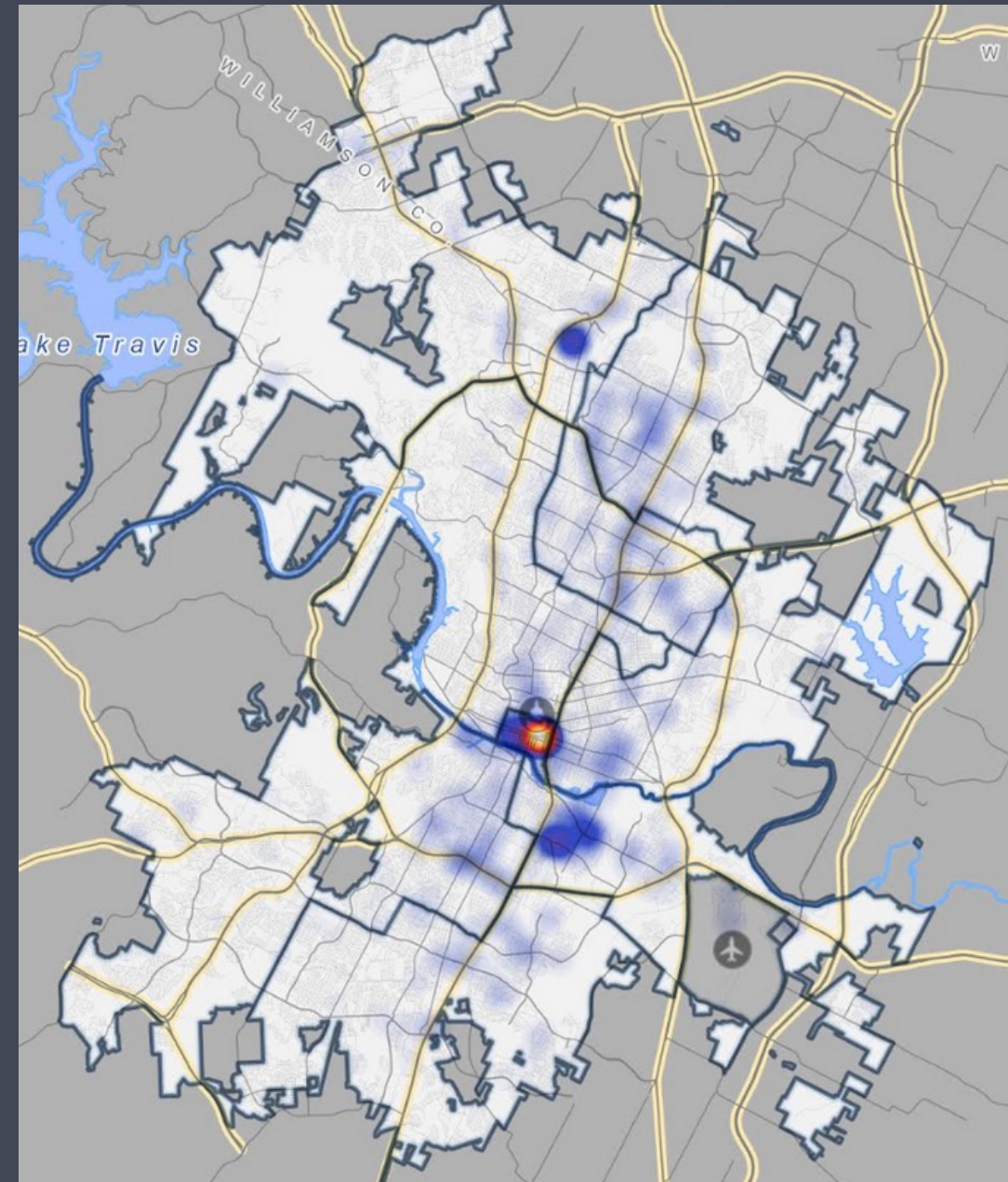
Officer Injuries RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE

01/01/23-12/10/24

DTAC = 16.2%

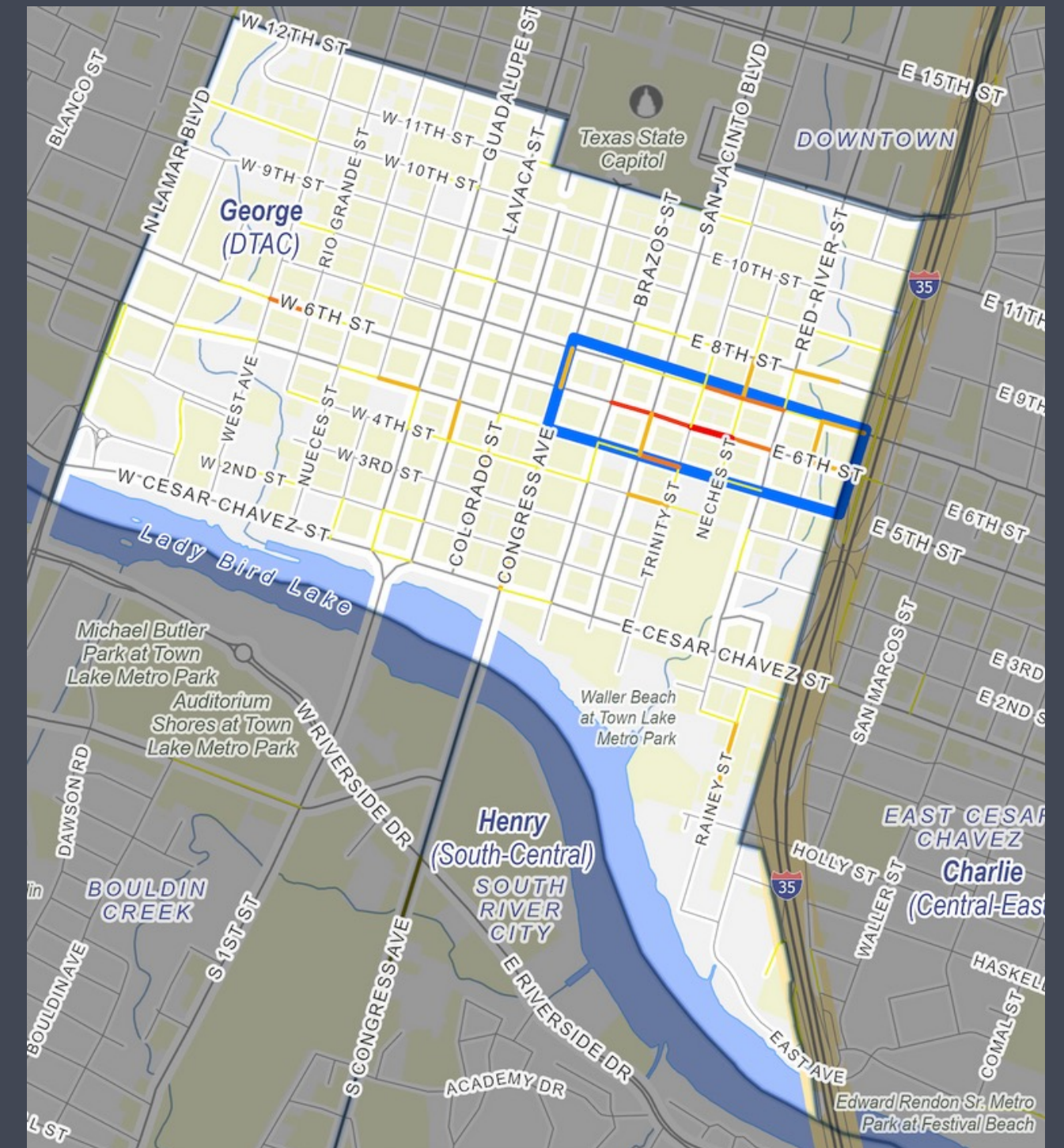
ORIG. 6TH = 8.2%

 = Original 6th



2023 = 394; 2024 = 377

SECTOR GEORGE = <0.5% CITY LANDMASS



ORIGINAL 6TH = <0.1% CITY LANDMASS



3 Key Strategic Objectives

DTAC



**Enhance Service &
Visibility**



**Problem-Solve
Risk Factors**



**Improve
Downtown Safety**

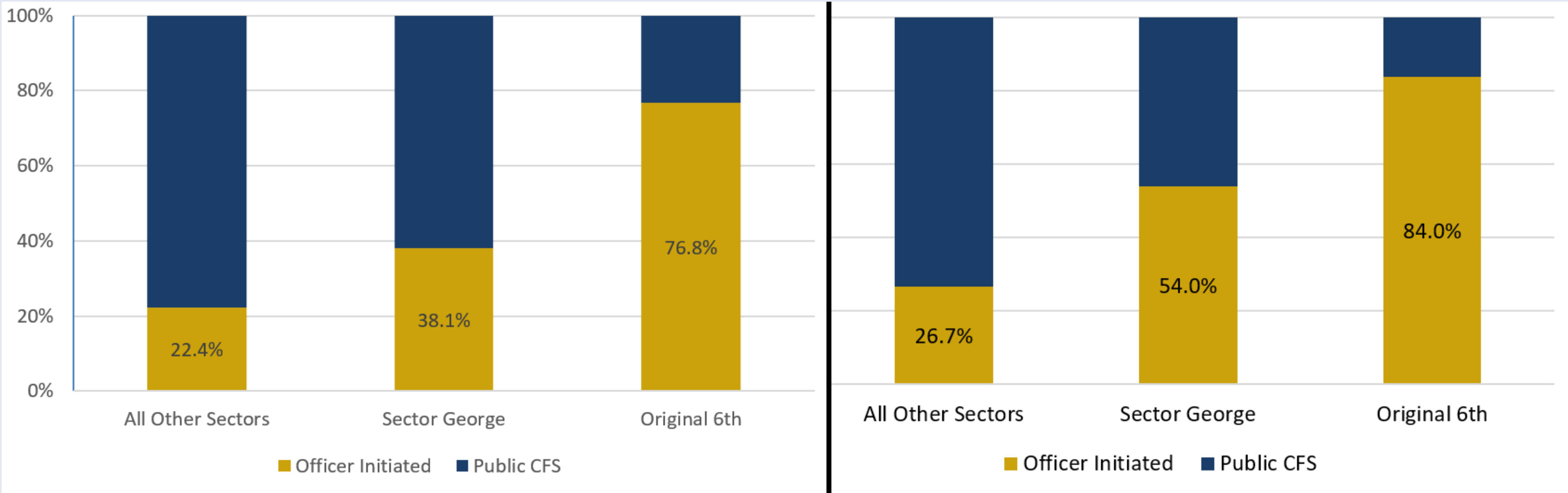
Reactive vs. Proactive

OFFICER ACTIVITY



Previous 2 years

01/01/25 - 3/15/25



Problem-Solving Risk Factors

5 CRITICAL EVENT STAGES

PLANNING

Why
attend?

“Dirty 6th”
Culture

Neighborhood
Affiliations

PREPARATION

Who plans to
attend?

“Pregaming”
Underage

Concealed
Carry

ASSEMBLY

How to get
there?

Open
Alleyways

Poorly Lit
Areas

EVENT

What to do
while there?

Excessive
Consumption

Facilitated
Loitering

DISPERSAL

How to
leave?

Bar Close
Traffic

After-hours
Clubs

DARRT

D o w n t o w n R a p i d R e s p o n s e T e a m

Enhanced Training & Initiatives

HOLISTIC GOVERNANCE

PUBLIC SAFETY MODEL



BUILDING UPON PREVIOUS “SAFER SIXTH” CITY TASK FORCE

Department	Representative
Law Department	Deborah Thomas
Office of Innovation	Daniel Culotta
Economic Development	Sylnovia Holt-Rabb
Fire Department	Joel Baker
Parks and Recreation	Angela Means

Department	Representative
Planning	Lauren Middleton-Pratt
Transportation/ Public Works	Richard Mendoza
Homeless Strategy Office	David Gray
Watershed Protection	Jorge Morales
Police Department	Lisa Davis

Department	Representative
Public Health	Adrienne Sturup
Emergency Medical Services	Robert Luckritz
Development Services	Jose Roig
Downtown Austin Alliance	Bill Brice
Convention Center	Trisha Tatro

Improve Downtown Safety

-11.4%

ALL CRIME

-20.5%

PART 1 (MAJOR) CRIME

PRELIMINARY YEAR-TO-DATE TRENDS
January - February 2025

Improve Downtown Safety

-21%

USE OF FORCE

-20%

OFFICER INJURIES

-33%

ARRESTS

PRELIMINARY YEAR-TO-DATE TRENDS

January - February 2025

PANEL

DISCUSSION