

Use all means to stop the violence

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Governor Pat Quinn should seriously consider the proposal made by the two State Reps. John Fritchey and LaShawn Ford, to call out elements of the National Guard. Fritchey says that U.S troops in Iraq and Afghanistan have suffered exactly the same number of deaths in the same time period as the 113 people that have been killed in Chicago so far this year.

I went to high school in the northwest suburbs. Our family moved to the northeast side of Chicago shortly after. My youngest brother was shot three times and killed June 20, 1993, by gangbangers.

He had just graduated with honors from Sullivan High School and was out celebrating by watching movies with friends at a late-night theater. He was at the wrong place at the wrong time.

My friend Susan, a mother of two young children, was shot in crossfire by rival gangbangers as she was walking to the corner store. She still walks around with a bullet in her back to this day. She was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Jody Weis, Chicago Police Superintendent does not believe the National Guard is the answer to this violence, I wonder what his suggestion might be, as he hasn't mentioned one.

I love Chicago, however, as a mother I now choose to live in the suburbs for the sake of my children.

The violence has crept to the suburbs. Now I am back to the same problem again and am asking myself, will I or one of my children end up being in the wrong place at the wrong time? I guess until someone makes a decision I'll have to keep heading west.

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