

**DETERMINANTS OF POLICE STRENGTH IN LARGE U.S. CITIES
DURING THE 1990s: A FIXED-EFFECTS PANEL ANALYSIS**

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