

ACTION BASED INITIATIVE

PUBLIC SAFETY



**There is no more essential role of City Government than keeping citizens safe.
There is always room for improvement and we must strengthen efforts.
When elected, fighting for citizen safety will be a top Mayoral priority.**

Create A Community Engagement Team: This advisory group from varying communities will consult directly with the Mayor on issues regarding public safety. They will create ideas, initiatives and outreach platforms to improve communication between police, fire, City Hall and citizens.

Be in the Community: A Mayor must spend time in our communities to better understand underlying reasons for criminal activity and what our communities need to be safer.

Leadership Program: Our firefighters and police need continued City support for Leadership Development. We must provide support to secure long-term commitments and strengthen the departments.

Bullying: Supporting school and community programs that prevent bullying and deal with bullies in impactful ways is crucial to the health of our young citizens.

Domestic Violence Prevention: Direct resources to and support non-profit programs provide assistance to domestic abuse victims during their most vulnerable times. Strengthening the City domestic violence prosecutions is also essential.

Staff the Police Department: The Department is understaffed. We must fund the police department, and ensure they have the resources they need.

Mental Health Programs: The City must create larger partnerships with non-profits and hospitals to ensure citizens get the care they need. This includes getting more mental health care professionals on the street to assist public safety programs.

Abandoned Properties: We can reduce criminal activity in neighborhoods by aggressively removing abandoned properties. Homes abandoned too long must be removed, condemned and action taken to deal with these properties.

Recidivism: We must invest in programs that reduce recidivism. This means creating new partnerships with local and national initiatives.

Diversions/Probations: City Hall must work with prosecutors to ensure we're not allowing the same individuals to repeatedly take diversions or probation and be on the streets.

Community Policing: Ensure officers stay in one area on patrol for long periods and work with businesses and neighborhoods to establish Community Patrol Stations.

Decriminalization: We must review laws to look for areas where sentencing is too strict for certain offenses.

Emergency Management: The City has not had an emergency management professional for several years. This needs to change, as it is critical to have someone overseeing these services.

Prevention Programs: There a handful of organizations working on crime and violence reduction. The City must partner with these programs and support their work - not duplicate their efforts.

Data Analysis: Data analytics are critical to identifying crime trends and help in knowing where to best allocate resources. We must use this data to focus on areas causing the most concern, and evaluate programs on an annual basis.



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