

The Crisis in Our Communities

- **The Legitimacy Deficit** : Decades of stop-and-frisk tactics targeting Black residents (who make up 70% of police stops despite being 44% of the population) have destroyed community trust, leaving homicides unsolved due to a lack of witness cooperation.
- **Punitive Poverty Traps** : The state-run child support system actively extracts wealth from working -class families, capping TANF family passthroughs at \$200 while pocketing the rest, and using driver's license suspensions and jail to punish underemployment.
- **Corrupt Fiscal Overspending** : MPD's chronic overtime abuse reached \$133.8 million in Fiscal Year 2025, driven by systemic payroll fraud and administrative neglect that drains millions from community services to fund exhausted, dangerous patrols.

The Reinvestment Blueprint

This administration will reclaim \$45 million annually by auditing MPD payroll, implementing automated scheduling software to block fraudulent hours, and enforcing strict rest periods to eliminate fatigue -induced policing errors. This reclaimed carceral waste will be directly reinvested into the community through a fully funded, self -sustaining public safety portfolio:

- **Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONSE)** —\$15.0 Million : Restores proposed staff cuts, expands violence interrupters, and secures the violence intervention grant program to protect our neighborhoods.
- **Ward -Level Community Hubs** —\$20.0 Million : Builds safe walk-in public-health and vocational spaces in Wards 5, 7, and 8, offering jobs, mental health services, and Safe Passage support.
- **D.C. Alternative Crisis Response (DACR)** —\$10.0 Million : Deploys 20 clinical mobile vans to provide unarmed, 24/7 citywide behavioral health and mental health crisis care.

Strategic Reform Deliverables

- **Structural Restructuring of Force** : Replace the subjective constitutional "objective reasonableness" standard with a strict **Statutory Definitions Framework** for deadly force. Lethal force will be strictly banned for minor, non-violent offenses. Enact "Karon's Law" to ban dangerous high-speed police chases and roadblocking in our neighborhoods.
- **Citywide Less -Lethal Weapon Ban** : Implement a complete citywide ban on all military-style equipment and chemical/kinetic less-lethal weapons (including tear gas, pepper spray, rubber bullets, and stun grenades) across *all* daily policing operations, patrol



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deployments, crowd management, and barricade/hostage situations.

- **Uncompromised Transparency & Oversight** : Restore the 72-hour BWC footage release timeline and ban pre-report officer review. Form a 9 -member civilian Police Complaints Board with no police reps.
- **DACR Division** : Build a civilian-led, unarmed 911 crisis response division within the OUC, utilizing clinicians and medics to handle nonviolent behavioral health and unhoused calls, modeled on the highly successful Denver STAR program.
- **Family Wealth Building** : Mandate a 100% pass-through of all child support payments directly to custodial families, waive interest on arrears, and implement government - owed debt amnesty to lift Wards 7 and 8 households directly out of poverty.
- **Sanctuary and Labor Solidarity** : Prohibit all local police cooperation with ICE to protect our immigrant neighbors, and build direct, union -backed vocational and trade apprenticeships to guarantee high -paying careers for our youth .