

Systemic Peace and Youth Self-Determination

The proposed public safety framework departs from traditional, reactive municipal policing strategies, replacing them with a self-funding safety model built on restorative justice, wealth redistribution, and community control. By addressing the material deprivation that underlies juvenile delinquency, the District will dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline and build a community safety network controlled directly by its residents.

Core Strategic Initiatives

- **Stabilizing Neighborhood Schools:** Establishes a permanent **small school weight** within the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula to protect neighborhood schools in Wards 5, 7, and 8 from enrollment-driven budget cuts, ensuring every school retains counselors and mental health specialists. It also funds the construction of a new wing for St. Coletta of Greater Washington in Southeast to support high-needs special education and closes its operational deficit.
- **Charter School Accountability:** Mandates no-cost governance, fiscal oversight, and Open Meetings Act training for charter school trustees under the **Board of Trustees Training Amendment Act of 2025** to prevent sudden closures.
- **Centralized Out-of-School Portal:** Establishes a single, low-barrier municipal enrollment portal to eliminate the fragmented administration parents face when registering for youth enrichment programs.
- **Expanding Physical Program Capacity:** Unlocks school-based recreational facilities on evenings and weekends under the *Expanding Community Access to Safe and Clean Recreational Space Act of 2025*, staffing them with DPR-funded security and custodial personnel to relieve school budgets. It also funds the *Teen Center Establishment Amendment Act of 2025* to construct standalone teen centers, prioritizing Wards 7 and 8 to expand the physical footprint of youth programming east of the river.
- **Professionalizing Route Commutes:** Implements D.C. Law 26-40 by providing 56 hours of mandatory, paid annual training in conflict resolution and trauma-informed care for Safe Passage Ambassadors. It raises wages to a \$23.50 per hour baseline and deploys a municipal school bus pilot to bypass dangerous transit hubs.
- **Protecting the Protectors:** Establishes the **Safe Passage Workers' Care and Safety Covenant** to shield subcontracted community ambassadors from secondary traumatic stress and physical danger. This program provides fully paid trauma-recovery leave, dedicated mental health counseling, rapid-response communication links to non-police crisis teams, and a municipal workers' compensation and indemnification fund to protect CBOs and workers.

- **Decentralized Violence Interruption:** Replaces the consolidated ONSE structure with decentralized, neighborhood-governed safety cooperatives to prevent centralized patronage. It establishes a low-barrier, direct cash assistance fund for crime survivors to address immediate trauma and prevent retaliatory violence.
- **Youth Democratic Power:** Establishes a democratically elected **Youth Governing Council** with binding veto power over a newly codified **Youth Self-Determination Fund**, putting resources directly in the hands of young people.
- **Protection from Federal Overreach:** Closes loopholes in the Sanctuary Values Act to prohibit MPD collaboration with federal immigration enforcement, bans predictive policing, and deploys unarmed crisis response teams.

Dedicated Progressive Funding

The entire 5-year, \$145 million budget is financed by closing tax loopholes that protect corporate wealth and non-resident real estate interests :

- **Business Activity Tax (BAT):** Implements a 2.0% value-added tax on large corporations and elite professional partnerships, closing the loophole that allows non-resident partners of lobbying and corporate law firms to pay zero franchise taxes to the District. Generates **\$500 million annually**.
- **Progressive Capital Gains Surcharge:** Establishes a tiered 1% to 3% surcharge on capital gains for taxpayers with incomes above \$500,000, raising **\$123 million annually**.
- **Elimination of the Stepped-Up Basis:** Captures unrealized gains on inherited assets at death, raising **\$43.7 million annually**.
- **Decoupling from Federal Tax Cuts:** Permanently decouples District tax code from federal cuts designed for wealthy corporations and high earners, preserving **\$97 million annually**.

The Competitive Advantage

- **Superior to the Reformist Platform:** Rejects police force expansion and curfews, focusing instead on de-carceration and upstream prevention. It provides a dedicated, progressive funding source that insulates safety programs from budget cuts.
- **Superior to the Moderate Platform:** Eliminates the history of unfunded mandates like the NEAR Act by backing all public safety initiatives with dedicated progressive tax revenue. It rejects curfew enforcement, which relies on state coercion, and instead prioritizes youth-led governance and community control.