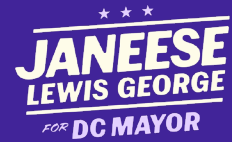


SAFE COMMUNITIES FOR ALL



Keeping everyone who lives, works, or visits DC safe is nonnegotiable. Safe communities keep families here, help children thrive, create opportunity, and improve quality of life for everyone. As a former prosecutor, I understand what drives violence in our city and how to address it. We must respond to crime by holding offenders accountable, while also investing in proven prevention and intervention strategies that disrupt cycles of violence. We must step in early with high-risk individuals before a crisis occurs. We must also fix District agencies that are critical to public safety, like our 911 call center and juvenile justice agency.

As a Councilmember, I worked block-by-block to implement a comprehensive public safety strategy that balances enforcement with intervention, and prevention mechanisms. As Mayor, I will deploy our resources strategically to further drive down crime, restore community trust, improve agency performance, and prevent crime before it happens.

To make DC safer, I will:

ENFORCE OUR LAWS AND SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BY:

- Removing illegal guns off our streets and holding those who traffic or wield guns in our communities accountable.
- Strengthening and expanding resources to detectives to aid in solving more crimes
- Launching training on constitutional stops to build stronger court cases and rebuild community trust with MPD.
- Addressing MPD's vacancy and retention crisis by expanding the police cadet program, reducing forced overtime, renovating aging facilities, and providing child care benefits that make the District competitive with other local and federal police departments.
- Enhancing 911 by addressing personnel absenteeism, implementing comprehensive training, and strengthening quality assurance processes with improved technology.
- Strengthening DC's crime lab by increasing capacity to clear backlogs faster and enhance oversight over accreditation standards.
- Expanding access to adequate resources to heal for victims of violent crimes and survivors.

DRIVE DOWN YOUTH CRIME BY:

- Addressing chronic school absenteeism throughout the District by streamlining anti-truancy efforts into one agency and expanding home visiting.
- Ensuring special education, multilingual, and school-based mental health services are resourced to address the needs of students and families.
- Expanding afterschool programs citywide and investing in more safe spaces and activities for teenagers.
- Providing year-round youth employment opportunities, including expanding options for training and workforce programs to set youth up with post-secondary employment.
- Reforming our juvenile justice agency—the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services—to deliver better outcomes for young people in its custody.

INTERVENE WHEN RESIDENTS NEED THE MOST SUPPORT BY:

- Empowering crisis responders and other mental and behavioral health professionals to reduce police workloads and ensure that residents in crisis receive appropriate responses.
- Expanding economic opportunities for returning citizens and other residents affected by the criminal justice system.
- Reengaging disconnected young people with education, workforce development, and job opportunities.
- Supporting effective programs like the Pathways Program, ONSA Leadership Academy, and Safe Passage.
- Ending all cooperation with ICE to restore trust between communities and District government and ensure law enforcement can focus on deterring crime.

PREVENT VIOLENCE BEFORE IT OCCURS BY:

- Addressing gun violence through a public health approach and strengthening violence prevention programs.
- Creating community hubs that provide access to government services across all 8 Wards.
- Improving interagency collaboration to remove siloes between government agencies.
- Deepening investments where they matter most: mental and behavioral health services, educational opportunities for disengaged residents, and meaningful pathways to employment opportunities.
- Ensuring DC residents have access to safe housing as a source of stability in their lives, including by funding transitional housing programs for emerging adults and returning citizens and housing relocation assistance for victim families.
- Making our streets and intersections safer for all by improving traffic safety infrastructure and holding repeat dangerous drivers accountable.