

A SAFE & SECURE DC

Mayor Bowser will introduce a fall public safety agenda to combat violent crime in the District of Columbia, and keep our city on a pathway to safety and security. The agenda includes a mix of legislative and administrative measures.

Stop violent criminals from repeatedly victimizing our community

- Give prosecutors the ability to lock up any criminal defendant awaiting trial for committing a violent crime, if they violate conditions of their pretrial release.
- Allow for the search of homes and cars of those on parole or probation for committing a violent crime. If we find illegal guns, we will send those individuals back to jail.
- Expand law enforcement access to GPS trackers worn by ex-offenders or criminal defendants awaiting trials, so we can better investigate crimes and pursue justice.

Give MPD more tools to protect our residents

- Create an incentive program to encourage businesses, property owners, and churches to install security cameras - to deter crime and identify criminals.
- Invest \$5 million in the Department of Forensic Sciences to prioritize homicide cases, clear its backlog, and give our police department and prosecutors the information they need to make arrests and charge toward prosecution.

Put more police officers on the streets

- Continue to authorize the use of money to sustain the surge of police presence in our hardest hit areas, until it is no longer needed.
- Dedicate more funding to use civilians instead of police officers to perform administrative tasks, and redeploy MPD officers to focus on high priority issues and locations.
- Use financial incentives to retain MPD's most experienced officers, and attract new recruits.

Increase penalties for violent crimes committed in our public transit system, or at our parks and recreation centers

- Increase penalties for convictions of violent crimes on a MetroBus, Metro train, DC Circulator, DC Streetcar, MetroAccess van, or at streetcar or bus stops. Perpetrators will face 1.5 times the maximum jail sentence, and 1.5 times the fine.
- Increase penalties for convictions for violent crimes committed at any District park or recreation center.

Launch new initiatives to support at-risk communities that have been hard hit by violence

- Offer individualized employment services, social services, and health services in neighborhoods afflicted by violence.
- Provide mini grants to community-based organizations individuals, and nonprofits that can offer personalized services to families and individuals.