Allan Domb’s 10-Point Action Plan on Public Safety for His First 100 Days

An Agenda for Long-Term Safety and Opportunity

Philadelphia is in the midst of a public safety crisis.

The number of murders in the city has grown by more than 110 percent since 2013 and this year, Philadelphia is expected to approach its all-time record of 562 killings, a mark set just last year. Philadelphia's overall violent crime, including non-fatal shootings, robberies with a firearm, and motor vehicle and retail theft, has risen in recent years.

As dispiriting as the statistics are, it is the pervasive sense that lawlessness has taken over the city that is most damaging to Philadelphia's future. Multiple shootings at or near schools and targeting city workers, store ransackings, carjackings, convoys of illegal bikers and ATV riders endangering the public as they race along city streets, and businesses shuttering due to theft and safety concerns have made public safety the topic of concern from classrooms and boardrooms to barstools and everywhere in between.

While some argue that Philadelphia is no worse than other cities that saw upticks in crime during the pandemic, that simply is not true. Philadelphia’s crime was climbing prior to COVID-19 and its homicide rate is among the country's fastest growing while it is decreasing in other large cities. Philadelphia has the highest murder rate of the country’s 10 largest cities at nearly 35 people per 100,000 and the city far outpaced the number of murders in New York City last year despite being roughly one-fifth the larger city’s size and likely will do so again this year.

The hollowness of the defensive argument that crime is up elsewhere is made even clearer given the success other communities have had improving public safety. Communities as diverse as Boston, Miami, and St. Louis all saw a decrease in murders last year and smaller Philadelphia-area neighbors like Chester, Trenton, and Camden have all seen dramatic improvements in public safety and, in particular, gun violence reduction.
The fact that some communities have achieved what Philadelphia has been unable to do makes it clear that its current leadership has failed to deliver on its primary responsibility - to create and maintain a safe and just city. The city's entire public safety apparatus is in disarray due to a glaring lack of leadership from a Mayor who is checked out, a District Attorney who undermines confidence in the justice system as he mismanages his office, and a Police Department dangerously depleted and too often unable to bring perpetrators to justice.

Allan understands that we cannot fix Philadelphia's broken public safety system without new leadership in City Hall. Philadelphia needs a leader and a problem solver who will prioritize public safety and justice for all. Allan has the experience, dedication, and vision to lead and deliver as Philadelphia's next mayor.

Allan Domb spent 40 years as a leading businessman in Philadelphia, working with government, businesses and neighborhoods to invest in and grow our cities. Like all Philadelphians, he's tired of seeing Philadelphia's progress get torn down by the out-of-control public safety crisis. He will bring his experience as a business, government and community leader to solve problems and make Philadelphia safer for everyone.

As mayor, Allan will move quickly to implement a 10-point plan in his first 100 days that will crack down on violence as it begins to rebuild a broken public safety system. Allan knows that every day wasted means more lives will be lost, more people will be injured, a lower quality of life for us all, more businesses will shutter and more people will decide to leave the city.

In his first 100 days as mayor, Allan will:
1) Declare a Crime Emergency on his First Day in Office
2) Aggressively Crack Down on Illegal Guns
3) Declare a Public Health Emergency in Kensington
4) Get Illegal Vehicles Off the Street
5) Crack Down on Retail Theft and Repeat Offenders
6) Increase Penalties for Violence Against City Employees
7) Triple Funding for Recruitment of Police Officers
8) Expand Programs to Protect Against Violence Based on Race, Religion, Gender, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identify
9) Install Cameras at Every High School, Increase Coordination with School Leaders
10) Clean Every Vacant Lot, Seal Every Abandoned Building
These 10 actions will have an immediate impact on violent crime and begin to restore the sense of law and order in the city. Allan will utilize the city's unprecedented financial surplus and any remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to pay for any and all enhancements.

Because Allan understands that crime is usually a symptom of underlying problems, these first 10 steps are just a start of his public safety agenda. Under his leadership Philadelphia's public safety plan will be a holistic strategy that also includes investing in education and training; rebuilding a broken public safety infrastructure; reinvesting in neighborhoods and housing; combating the addiction crisis; and focusing on inclusive job growth policies that provide people with real opportunity. Throughout his campaign, Allan will be proposing specific, actionable and accountable plans to provide economic opportunity, improve educational outcomes and increase the access to affordable, high-quality housing.

Philadelphia's public safety crisis won't be solved without fixing its most important challenge: the city's leadership crisis. That begins with electing Allan Domb Philadelphia's 100th mayor in 2023.

**Allan Domb's 100-Day 10 Point Plan:**

1) **Declare a Crime Emergency, Convene a Public Safety Cabinet.** On his first day as mayor, Allan will declare a crime emergency and convene a Public Safety Cabinet comprised of all City Departments and other stakeholders that will provide a comprehensive strategy within 30 days to combat crime across our city. Because Allan recognizes the scale of the work that needs to be done is large and the City of Philadelphia cannot go it alone, state and federal law enforcement and prosecutorial partners will be brought in as part of the Public Safety Cabinet. The meetings, which he will personally convene, will meet regularly to assess patterns of crime in our communities, develop actionable plans and coordinate resources to execute those plans.

2) **Crack Down on Gun Violence, Take Illegal Guns Off our Streets.** Gun violence continues to wreak havoc on our communities and causes too many families to suffer. Of the 562 homicides in Philadelphia in 2021, 86 percent were committed with a firearm.\textsuperscript{xiv} In addition to the homicides, there were also 1,834 non-fatal shootings in 2021.\textsuperscript{xv}
Tragically, this uptick coincided with a significant increase in youth gun violence victims.\textsuperscript{xvi}

In addition to the obvious impact of gun violence – death and fear in our community -- shootings place a tremendous burden on our healthcare system and result in significant criminal justice costs. One 2021 estimate demonstrates that gun violence cost the City of Philadelphia more than three-quarters of a billion dollars in health care, property, criminal justice costs and more.\textsuperscript{xvii}

The city must do more to stop the out-of-control gun violence.

As mayor, Allan will crack down on gun violence and address its root causes in order to reduce gun violence and homicides by 50 percent by the end of his first term.
He will do this by working with the police to prioritize where crime is occurring and targeting the most violent. Under Allan’s leadership, Philadelphia will expand policing in the neighborhoods with the highest crime rates as well as constitutional Terry Stops focused on gun crimes, as City Council President Darrell L. Clarke has called for. A special focus will be given to preventing gun violence among juveniles. To ensure that people’s rights are protected, police will receive increased access to regular training, such as illegal straw purchasing training, and supporting additional focused deterrence programs that save lives and deliver positive change.

But it’s not enough to focus on illegal guns used in the commission of a crime. Under Mayor Domb, anyone caught with an illegal gun in any situation or in possession of a gun while committing a crime will be arrested and prosecuted. If for any reason Philadelphia’s District Attorney refuses to prosecute some gun crimes, Allan will work with state and federal law enforcement partners to remove the cases from his jurisdiction. Lives and the very future of the city cannot and will not be the subject of political and ideological gamesmanship.

Allan will also work with federal and state authorities to stop illegal guns from being brought to Philadelphia in the first place. He will also work with state leaders to dramatically increase the penalties for straw purchasers and with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to get dangerous firearms off our streets, crack down on bad actors illegally selling firearms, and apprehend individuals involved in illegal firearm trades.

3) Declare a Public Health Emergency in Kensington. The addiction epidemic in Kensington is a humanitarian crisis. For too long, Philadelphia leaders have seemingly turned a blind eye to the severity of the problem. Under Allan Domb’s leadership, that will stop and the city will aggressively move to treat those suffering with addiction and identify and prosecute drug dealers who have operated openly and with impunity for too long.

In his first week as mayor, Allan will declare a Public Health Emergency in Kensington and work with state authorities to coordinate disaster relief efforts through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). In addition to providing treatment for those suffering with addiction, the effort will provide wrap-around services, including for transitional housing and health care. Mayor Domb will also coordinate increased police patrols in the area, close down open air drug markets, clean all vacant lots and seal abandoned buildings in the area.

It will be impossible to fully solve the Kensington’s crisis in 100 days, but Allan Domb is committed to doing what current city leaders have failed to do: try.
4) Get Illegal Vehicles Off the Street. For too many years, Philadelphians have been dealing with the illegal use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), motorbikes and “car meets” on city streets, sidewalks, and public land. In recent years, however, the activity has increased dramatically and the reckless, illegal activity has resulted in innocent lives being lost. The vehicles are dangerous in urban settings - not only for riders but for other vehicle operators and pedestrians in proximity to the ATVs - and they have no place on our streets and in our neighborhoods. As mayor, Allan will direct the police department to deploy all lawful tactics and available resources to get ATVs off the street. He will expand efforts to confiscate these illegal vehicles, provide rewards for those who provide verifiable tips to authorities, and impose fines for any person or business found illegally storing them. Further, in coordination with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), Allan will evaluate options to restrict the sale of gasoline to ATV riders and deepen penalties for illegal riders, such as having their driver's license revoked for all vehicles and significantly increasing penalties causing an injury while riding an illegal vehicle.

5) Crackdown on Retail Theft. The uptick in brazen retail thefts does more than provide the Internet with videos of meme-worthy mayhem: it is forcing businesses to close and threatening workers' jobs. Well-known names like Wawa and Starbucks have closed outposts because of retail theft and concerns of violence and one North Philadelphia gas station even felt compelled to hire armed guards.

This cannot continue.

Under Allan Domb, the city will once again commit to stopping retail theft, pursuing repeat offenders and working with businesses to hold people accountable. Even if for some reason, the District Attorney refuses to press charges, the city's police will continue to arrest the people believed to have committed theft, creating a public record of their alleged transgressions. He will also create a public accounting of warrants that were requested, but denied, by the District Attorney's office (subject to relevant privacy and public safety concerns). Mayor Domb will seek to remove cases from the District Attorney's purview for serial thievery.

6) Increase Penalties for Violence Against City Employees. Recent attacks on city employees, including teachers, Parking Authority officers and sanitation workers, who are simply doing their jobs have been horrifying. While never acceptable, the attacks on city employees only increase the difficulty of hiring critically needed city government employees at a time when too many basic functions are going unmet.
As mayor, Allan Domb will seek to dramatically increase the penalties for violence against a government worker while on duty, just as violence against elected officials, police officers and prosecutors may be enhanced.

7) **Triple Funding for Recruitment of Police Officers.** Municipal police departments play an integral role in a city's ability to provide quality public service to its citizens. Philadelphia already faces a significant shortfall of police officers, which is likely to worsen as hundreds of current officers are enrolled in the city's Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). It is critical that the city dramatically increase recruitment and retention efforts in order to ensure that basic public safety functions can continue.

As mayor, Allan will triple the funding for recruitment efforts and bolster the department’s cadet program, with a particular emphasis on increasing diversity. Diversifying the police force can help reduce racial disparities in policing and strengthen community-police collaboration and interaction. Additionally, Allan will increase the department’s non-sworn personnel staff in order to maximize the street deployment of sworn officers. Further, he will focus on improving retention strategies and provide additional resources for training and basic technologies that enable the department to derive a highly-qualified, highly-trained diverse police force. Adding police is just the first part of Allan's plan to rebuild the city's broken public safety infrastructure.

8) **Expand Programs to Protect Against Violence Based on Race, Religion, Gender, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identify.** Discrimination and violence against another based on their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation and gender identify goes against everything that Allan Domb stands for. As mayor, he will increase funding for education, prevention and to identify, capture and prosecute anyone who commits a hate crime. He will also move quickly to increase funding for programs to increase education efforts so that every city employee treats every citizen with respect and for grants to organizations that work with. He will work with community organizations that face threats of hate crimes and ensure that Philadelphia police provide appropriate protections for synagogues, mosques, LGBTQ+ venues and other places that may be targeted by extremists.

9) **Install Cameras at Every High School, Increase Coordination with School Leaders.** Recent shootings near city high schools drive home the point that too often, violence grows out of conflict among teenagers. While it is critical that perpetrators must be quickly identified, caught and brought to justice, it is more important to stop violence before it occurs. As mayor, Allan will move quickly to
install cameras around every city high school to quickly identify anyone who commits violence at a school during or after regular school hours.

Allan will also work with police and school principals to begin more regular communication to identify and address possible problems before they escalate into violence. He will seek additional funding for de-escalation professionals to be available to work with students and school leaders when a potential conflict is identified.

In the coming weeks, Allan will be releasing a comprehensive plan to improve education that starts with making schools safe places to learn.

10) **Clean Every Vacant Lot, Seal Every Abandoned Building.** It is well established that vacant lots and abandoned, unsecured properties are too often used to hide criminal activity. While Philadelphia has long known where its vacant lots and abandoned properties are, not enough has been done to continually clean abandoned lots and seal (or re-seal) abandoned properties.

Modeled after the successful campaign to remove 40,000 abandoned autos from city streets in Mayor John Street's first 40 days, under Allan's leadership, the city will quickly reclean all vacant and abandoned lots, prioritizing those in high-crime areas, and either seal or re-seal all abandoned properties. Anyone found living in a property will be assisted with needed wrap-around services.

**ADDITIONAL FIRST-YEAR ACTIONS:**

Allan Domb’s 10 Step Plan for his First 100 Days is just a start of his overall plan to make every community in Philadelphia safer. In his first year, he will build on his first 100 days agenda to:

**Rebuild a public safety infrastructure**

Philadelphia’s public safety structure is broken. As mayor, Allan Domb will move quickly to rebuild it to hire the number of police needed, improve their trainings, focus public safety efforts on the most violent, and better coordinate local, state and federal efforts. Among his priorities will be:

**Strengthen community-police relations and double down on community policing initiatives.** Law enforcement agencies are most effective when they have strong relationships and support within the communities they serve. When law enforcement officers engage with communities on a regular basis, it builds trust, helps community members to feel safer and aids law
enforcement in preventing and solving crime. Police departments across the country are making real progress with community policing, including our New Jersey neighbors, the City of Camden, where they have a dramatic decline in crime. Since implementing an effective community policing strategy, Camden has reduced homicides by more than 65 percent.\textsuperscript{xxiv} And, after the City of Chicago modified its public safety efforts around a community policing strategy, it reported improved relationships between communities and police.\textsuperscript{xxv} To make similar progress, Allan will work to strengthen community-police relations by expanding foot beat and biking patrols, encouraging community events with law enforcement, and creating opportunities for young people to engage with law enforcement in positive and healthy ways. Allan will also work to bring community organizations and law enforcement together to identify challenges and work together toward community-driven solutions.

**Expand and upgrade technology infrastructure to improve safety in all communities.** 21st Century public safety departments are increasingly utilizing various technologies to address rising violent crime rates as well as off-set departmental staffing shortages. Monitoring and detection systems, such as aerial and placed cameras, and scanning and sensory devices, can serve as useful deterrents, assist in proactive policing and help solve criminal activity. Additionally, investing in technologies, like smartphones and body worn cameras, can improve communication and transparency in policing. As mayor, Allan plans to conduct a needs assessment for expanding and upgrading the police department’s technology infrastructure to improve safety in all communities.

**Reinvest in neighborhoods and combat the city’s addiction crisis**

**Revitalize vacant lots and improve access to community centers and green spaces.** Philadelphia has more than 40,000 vacant lots, presenting tremendous challenges and opportunities for the city.\textsuperscript{xxvi} When not managed or kept up properly, these lots can make community members feel less safe and lead to increased crime. Philadelphia has taken steps in recent years to transform vacant lots into usable community centers, and these efforts have demonstrated their success in building a stronger sense of community, as well as improving perceived and actual public safety.\textsuperscript{xxvii} Allan will continue this progress and prioritize efforts to convert vacant lots into parks, community gardens and well-maintained green spaces. Improving access to green spaces can reduce violent crime by nearly one-third, and it also improves mental health and well-being for local residents.\textsuperscript{xxviii} Allan will task city agencies, including the Police Department, to work with community
organizations to ramp up greening of Philadelphia’s vacant lots and ensure green spaces are well-maintained in the future.

**Improve local infrastructure.** Historically disinvested communities are more likely to experience crime, and deteriorating buildings and streets, lack of access to lighting and green spaces, as well as vacant lots, contribute to higher crime rates and make community members feel less safe. Studies consistently demonstrate that low-intervention methods like adding or replacing street lighting, repairing broken windows, painting streets and sidewalks, and increasing tree canopy cover are effective in reducing violent crime, especially gun violence. In fact, improving lighting alone can reduce crime by 36 percent. Additionally, increasing tree canopy cover and access to green spaces has the benefit of not only reducing violent crime, but also reducing stress and improving mental health and well-being for residents. As mayor, Allan will expand city funding and programs to implement these interventions.

**Provide access to resources and opportunities**

**Increase funding and accountability for focused deterrence programs.** Violent crime in Philadelphia continues to increase at alarming rates, and gun violence is a major contributing factor. In order to reduce this violence, we must collaboratively address the root causes and promote better pathways to resolve conflict in our communities. Focused deterrence programs, such as Group or Community Violence Intervention (GCVIs) are evidence-based methods that seek to wrap supportive services around individuals identified as at risk of committing or becoming a victim of violence. GCVIs strive to interrupt dangerous cycles of violence by leveraging trusted members of the community known as “interrupters”, focusing on teaching healthy coping and de-escalation skills that prevent someone from resorting to violent behavior, as well as connecting people to mental health treatment, job training, housing and more. Local law enforcement officials are brought in to support as needed. In other cities where GCVIs have been implemented, such as Cincinnati, Indianapolis, and Los Angeles, they have demonstrated an ability to reduce gun violence. GCVIs can also produce significant savings related to health care and criminal justice costs. For example, the City of Sacramento saved more than $18 for every $1 it invested in its program.

Philadelphia has taken important steps to invest in these programs, but additional resources are needed to target high-crime and disinvested communities throughout the city. In addition to more resources, Philadelphia must evaluate the progress of violence prevention programs, as they are
critical to saving lives. While on City Council, Allan supported funding for these programs and called for the Administration to conduct an analysis on the effectiveness of various programs; however, frustratingly, nothing was ever produced and that has proved detrimental. As mayor, Allan will implement these accountability measures and champion increased, targeted funding for focused deterrence programs that are demonstrating a positive impact on our communities and successfully saving lives.

**Expand hospital-based violence intervention programs.** Similar to community-based violence intervention programs, hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIPs) are proven to interrupt cycles of violence. HVIPs utilize a multi-disciplinary team of specialists in order to immediately wrap a variety of trauma-informed services around a person who enters the emergency room with violent injuries. When a person becomes a victim of violent crime, especially of gun violence, they are more likely to be re-injured or even killed in the future. In fact, nearly half of victims of violence will be revictimized within five years, and nearly one in five will die. They are also far more likely to commit a violent crime themselves, likely as retaliation. By immediately connecting victims with case management and trauma-informed services, we can use this moment to interrupt these dangerous cycles, prevent revictimization, address trauma head-on and improve overall outcomes for the people served. In fact, data indicate that HVIPs can cut future re-victimization in half, save millions of dollars, prevent future involvement with the criminal justice system, increase employment rates and promote housing stability. Allan will work to draw down federal funds and dedicate city funds to support, expand, and sustain these programs moving forward.

**Administer Handle with Care collaboration between law enforcement and Philadelphia schools.** The impact of gun violence can have a lingering effect well after a violent act occurs, particularly on the most vulnerable in our communities. Each year, approximately three million children witness a shooting in America. Consequently, these incidents increase the likelihood for mental health issues to develop over time. In Philadelphia, where gun violence is rampant, researchers found that children in close proximity to shootings were 134 percent more likely to visit a hospital emergency room for mental health concerns. Allan is committed to administering within the Philadelphia Police Department a Handle with Care collaboration with Philadelphia schools to keep educators and schools professionals informed of violent incidents in the community where their students live. These efforts will help administrators, faculty, and staff monitor
and identify the behavior of students who may be experiencing trauma due to their proximity to violent acts. Additionally, Allan wants to increase students' access to school counselors, and will work closely with Governor-elect Shapiro's administration on its commitment to ensure that there is at least one counselor in every school.

**Prioritize rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing and affordable housing.** When people are unable to access work or earn high enough wages to support their families, it can lead to housing instability and homelessness. When entire communities lack access to opportunity, it can lead to higher incidences of crime and violence and increased trauma. Allan recognizes that in order to improve overall outcomes in communities, people must have a safe and secure place to sleep at night. Allan will work to expand rapid re-housing initiatives to connect people with safe places to live when they experience a disruption. He will fight to expand permanent supportive housing, an evidence-based model that wraps case management, behavioral health treatment, and other resources around individuals who face ongoing housing instability. These efforts will allow people to meet their most basic needs so they can focus on treatment, obtaining job training or employment and supporting their families. Further, Allan will work with industry and community stakeholders to build more affordable housing in Philadelphia, which studies demonstrate help provide safer, healthier, more sustainable neighborhoods.\(^{xl}\)

**Expand out-of-school educational and workforce development programs.** Far too many young people in Philadelphia are perpetrating or becoming victims of violent crime and it is devastating families in our city. When youth become involved in the cycle of violence and trauma, it can have lifelong consequences. Engaging our young people in healthy and productive ways is key to our ability to improve overall outcomes, prevent victimization and minimize involvement in the juvenile justice system. Studies demonstrate that youth are most likely to engage in violent crime in the hours immediately following the school day,\(^{xli}\) often hours left unsupervised.\(^{xlii}\)
Investing in highly-structured and quality out-of-school programs will better engage youth and prevent them from engaging in dangerous behaviors. Allan is committed to expanding access to these programs, as well as incorporating strong workforce development and job-training components into programs for older youth. Research is clear that summer job programs and workforce training can dramatically reduce involvement in criminal activities while also setting people up for stronger economic futures.\textsuperscript{xliii}

**Augment programs that reduce recidivism and generate opportunities.**

Diversion programs and comprehensive re-entry services are proven to be effective at reducing recidivism. Diversion programs can be utilized as alternatives to traditional criminal or legal proceedings as a result of non-violent criminal behavior. Instead, these intervention programs reroute a person away from the criminal or legal system and offer rehabilitation opportunities, such as community service and access to mental or behavioral health treatment. A study found that diversion programs in Philadelphia had contributed to a 35 percent reduction in repeat offenders.\textsuperscript{xliv} Additionally, comprehensive re-entry services for citizens returning to society following incarceration can help lower recidivism rates. These services should include housing, employment, and education resources to assist returning citizens. Allan will work with government agencies to ensure diversion programs are being utilized in Philadelphia, when possible, particularly for youth. He will also focus on aligning re-entry services citywide and evaluate resources to meet the needs necessary to support tens of thousands returning citizens each year.
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