



**KEVIN LINCOLN FOR STOCKTON MAYOR**

# **BLUEPRINT FOR BETTER PUBLIC SAFETY**

Currently, Stockton remains inundated with communal distress and strife. Unfortunately, the neglect to address these issues upon its initial discovery initiated Exponential growth of once-simple policy fixes; through accumulation of these issues' consequences, the resolution of said civil disruptions requires multifaceted, creative approaches. Thus, this exists as the basis of our policy structure — identifying the root causes of the problem and solving them through diversity of action.

Kevin Lincoln's platform, in its entirety, represents itself through the "Three P's" model. Each policy measure produced by this campaign falls under one of the following categories: Public health, public safety, and public service and unity.

## **BACKGROUND**

With the current mayoral administration touting decreases in "gun violence" --an ambiguous classification with opaque parameters-- the true public safety Situation in Stockton must be called into question. The lack of transparency within the reporting of Mayor Tubbs' only initiative to address rising crime - Advanced Peace - leads the community to suspect data skewing and manipulation. Lack of transparency to data and sparse community program updates further corroborate this claim of incorrect data reporting and classifications.

Since the implementation of Advance Peace there have been no improvements in the total number of reported violent crimes. Since 2017, violent crimes have occurred at a rate of about 4380 incidents per year. Even worse, the total number of crimes in Stockton spiked by more than 1000 additional reported crimes in 2019, a nearly 10% increase. The number of robbery and aggravated assaults and criminal homicide have also increased in the last two years, providing further evidence that Advance Peace overall does not reduce crime, just as Councilmember Christina Fugazi - the lone opponent of AP's adoption - feared.

## **PROPOSALS**

### **RESTORE THE MARSHALL PLAN AND INCREASE POLICE OFFICERS**

Chief Eric Jones's enactment of constructive police reform supplied the Stockton Police Department with increased levels of community trust and diversification. However, organized work must continue in order to effectively decrease crime in the city. By reigniting the application of the Marshall Plan while increasing officer presence to assist in response times, Stockton can achieve greater safety.

The foundation of the Marshall Plan includes a multifaceted approach involving numerous community stakeholders and law enforcement agencies. Essentially, the Marshall Plan builds upon and broadens the support of Operation Peacekeeper initiatives, such as taking data and evidence driven approaches towards diagnosing the causes of crime. However, no Marshall Plan update has been provided to city council since 2013-2014 and the City of Stockton Office of Violent Prevention and Peacekeepers has been bypassed in favor of Mayor Tubbs Advance Peace initiative. The

Marshall Plan must be reinstated and relevant resources must be provided to assist law enforcement in their work. Additionally, we must increase our officer presence, in order to decrease response times. This includes maintaining the promise to taxpayers of fulfilling the approved Measure A plan to increase officers and pursue federal and state grants to facilitate additional law enforcement funding.

## **MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY SERVICES**

Kevin Lincoln recognizes the demand for increasing mental health and drug addiction services within the city. City Manager Harry Black and Chief Eric Jones have formed a data driven review board to diagnose which law enforcement sectors require reform/support. However, solutions and programs exist in Stockton that run parallel to the purpose of the review board. Collaborative courts and rehabilitation services further supports the prioritization of mental health within the city.

Rehabilitation programs must be available for those who seek it through the collaborative court process. Many of the rehabilitation treatment centers operate at capacity, are gender or family-age specific, and require physical or financial support from loved-ones. We need to increase funding for these programs and activate community nonprofits and churches to help alleviate this growing problem.

## **TRAUMA RECOVERY AND CRIME PREVENTION**

In addition to the immediate action to combat crime, there must exist a broader long-term solution to limit the primary exacerbation factor: trauma. ACE Overcomers is a non-profit organization based in Merced. The program's objective is to help those with childhood trauma overcome its negative effects with healing programs and training materials. It combines solid science and faith based principles to provide lessons on breaking the cycle of abuse and improving one's mental and physical health. The program involves weekly meetings, peer counseling, education, and community

involvement, but it's noted that it is not a "recovery ministry."

The Gospel Center Rescue Mission in Stockton has partnered with this program for at least five years, and the Chief Operations Officer Britton Kimball was quoted to say that "ACE is the best curriculum for recovery programs." There is also the education system aspect of the program, where ACE Overcomers teach educators, university students, etc. the science of ACEs and how to reach out to these very students. The "trauma-informed" approach is emphasized, and reported results are "increased empathy for traumatized students" resulting in "decreased classroom conflict and increased student cooperation."

## **RESTORE STOCKTON'S CRIPPLING INFRASTRUCTURE**

Crippling infrastructure exists as a lurking, ill-discussed threat to the safety of Stocktonians. From gaping potholes and roadway hazards to damaged, graffiti ridden buildings, Stockton continues to experience consistent obstructions towards creating a safer city. Throughout the tenure of Mayor Michael Tubbs, the city experienced exacerbation of crippling infrastructure due to his inconsistent efforts towards solving this issue.

A simple solution exists to remedy such negligence: a public information campaign to market and utilize the Ask Stockton request management system. This program allows for constituency submission of communal irregularities, including but not limited to roadway hazards and traffic concerns, and immediately creates work orders and reports to the relevant agencies. Again, the Ask Stockton predicament epitomizes the administrative efforts of Mayor Michael Tubbs — the compromise of stable, effective policies by redirecting necessary resources and attention in the pursuit of national acclaim. Implementing Ask Stockton to its maximum utility minimizes government waste, as well as provides community members with a centralized location to receive greater information and accessibility to much needed social services.