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## LAW ENFORCEMENT & OUR COMMUNITY



### Blair Believes

*"We need to invest resources into **building a police force equipped with modern tools** that both **protect officers and delivers criminals to the justice system** in order that due process can be served according to our constitution."*

### THE ISSUES:

- Police need the right tools to do their job
- Officers need quality leadership to set the right standards and plans for de-escalation, and that means knowing how to select the right equipment, tools and resources.
- Law enforcement technology has evolved, but many of our forces are still using outdated tools.
- Police are called to respond to situations outside their area of expertise. They need backup from organized and professional community collaborations to make sure they can focus on crime and safety.

### BLAIR WILL:

- Invest in enhanced mental evaluation, training of law enforcement and leadership
- Ensure no reduction in budgeting for life-saving equipment to protect our law enforcement officers
- Fund high tech capture, monitoring and identification tools according to the needs of police departments to decrease risk to bystanders, aid in identification and location of suspects, and reduce the need for physical contact during conflicts
- Advocate for creation of a 21st century federal law enforcement task force to work with private industry on developing the tools they need, including grants for American companies to develop technology that responds to the needs of our law enforcement
- Support formation of community crisis teams to assist police in non-violent scenarios
- Revise Qualified Immunity to reduce discrepancies in application of the policy at the judicial level

***"Law enforcement provides a vital service to our communities. We need to modernize our police force. Instead of DE-funding our police, we should be RE-funding, re-imagining how our law enforcement budget accomplishes our goals and supports the ability of our officers to do their jobs. "***