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## Blair Believes

that **lifting up communities of color is key to achieving a democracy that includes ALL Americans.** At best, our nation has tried inadequate policies that served as band aids rather than systemic change; at worst, policies were crafted to penalize and vilify those who have encountered challenges not just of survival, but of thriving in a community of color.

*"I support the Black Lives Matter movement, and will vote and craft policies that will support the foundation of communities of color. This movement is about far more than police reform, which is needed, but it's also about healing communities, providing opportunity, and putting an end to policies and practices that get in the way of real growth for the individuals, small businesses, and communities that have never had equal access to the American Dream." -- Blair*



**Blair's policies will ensure health, freedom & financial security are no longer out of reach for those who have suffered the injustices our country has unleashed.**

## Economy

- Enact the Freedom Dividend, a universal basic income which will eliminate poverty and guarantee a basic standard of living for all Americans, ending means-tested welfare that disincentivizes advancement
- Put an end to discriminatory loan practices that charge higher interest rates to people of color making it harder to realize the dream of owning a home or starting a small business
- Make corporations pay their fair share so that the burden of taxes doesn't fall hardest on those who need to keep their money
- Ensure expansion of the internet to all Americans to improve education opportunities, access to telehealth, grow small businesses, and work from home.

## Healthcare

- Advocate for Healthcare for Every Household because our health, from the moment of birth, is the first step to opportunity
- Guarantee clean water to all communities across the country, holding corporations and municipalities accountable for ensuring protection of safe drinking water.
- Support the Family & Medical Leave Act

## Criminal Justice

- Invest in reformed policing, lessening military grade equipment sent to our police and establishing community response teams so that non-violent crimes can be handled by people who are appropriately trained to respond to these calls.

- Prohibit criminal cops from serving on any police force in the country.
- Revise qualified immunity so that the law is applied fairly and we eliminate political interference in our justice system
- Legalize cannabis and expunge the records of all those being held for marijuana-related offenses
- Condemn and prosecute to the fullest extent of the law all domestic terrorism

## Democracy

- Make it a federal law that after time served, voting rights are restored automatically upon release. Our right to vote is a constitutional right, and cannot be taken away.
- Make states accountable for adequate and accessible polling places, including voting by mail, so that everybody can vote

## Education

- Invest in education, including ensuring schools meet high standards for staffing that supports the emotional well-being of our children
- Expand 21st century vocational training so our youth have high paying job opportunities
- Incentivize more teachers from within communities of color through forgiveness of student loans and higher teacher salaries where the income is too low to motivate graduates to become educators