

Vision for A People's Sheriff

In order to seek a more safe, just and democratic county, the Coalition for a People's Sheriff believes that the next sheriff of Milwaukee must pledge to support the following platform:

- Commitment to **end mass incarceration and mass detention**.
- Commitment to a **true public safety** that ensures that all Milwaukee residents feel safe, **builds accountability and trust** with law enforcement.
- Commitment to **fighting the use of racial profiling**, including in freeway stops; **discrimination in policing; the targeting of community members** due to race, color, class, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, or immigration status; and any and all policies that traumatize communities, separate families, and deter the reporting of crimes.
- Commitment to **end state violence** against Black communities; to end the criminalization and dehumanization of Black people; and respect the **Black Lives Matter** movement for racial justice.
- Commitment to **the rights of immigrant families** including the commitment to not participate in the ICE 287(g) program; not to comply with ICE detainer or notification requests that are not accompanied by a federal judge's warrant; and to categorically refuse to enter into any Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA) contract with ICE to detain immigrants in deportation proceedings.
- **Respect for families, women and expectant mothers**; recognition that women and expectant mothers have unique rights; and commitment to protect those rights, including both honoring the ban on shackling pregnant mothers during labor and providing full prenatal support such as, birthing doulas and breastfeeding support.
- Commitment to **treating incarcerated persons with dignity**—ensure their safety, quality **not-for-profit healthcare services**, provision of **food and water**, and provision of **feminine hygiene products** free of charge; and appropriately address, fulfill and diagnose **mental health** and **addiction treatment** needs of incarcerated people.
- Commitment to implementing national best practices for the **fair treatment of juveniles, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals**.
- Commitment to creating a **safe environment at Milwaukee County jails for workers and incarcerated persons**, including the creation of early warning systems, holding personnel accountable for unlawful or negligent actions, and providing programs for education, treatment and rehabilitation; and commitment to partner with the caregivers inside the jail through collective bargaining to address the policies, practices, and conditions inside the jail.
- Commitment to the full use of **body cameras** for all Deputy Sheriffs deployed in our community and to **external investigations** without current or former law enforcement officials on officer related shootings.
- Commitment to instate **mandatory department-wide training** for all staff under the authority of the Sheriff on mental health, cultural relations, and gender expression and identity.

- Commitment to **not privatize law enforcement** functions and to cut ties with private companies that profit from the criminalization of our communities, lack transparency and accountability, and whose practices result in abuses and deaths.
- Commitment to following the County Board’s ordinance mandating a waiting period following court orders for evictions, and commitment to instating a **moratorium on evictions for pregnant mothers, families with small children, the elderly and disabled**.
- Commitment to supporting efforts for bail reform that ends the imprisonment of persons without conviction simply for their inability to pay including programs for **community-based bail**.
- Commitment to support the **full legalization of cannabis** and programs to make that legalization include **reparations for communities impacted** by past racist drug policies and mass incarceration.
- Commitment to **end the inhumane use of solitary confinement** in Milwaukee County.
- Commitment to **working with diverse community members** – including members of Milwaukee’s Black, Latinx, Asian, LGBTQ, Muslim, undocumented, homeless, and working class communities – and to meet with the Coalition for a People’s Sheriff on a bi-monthly basis.
- Meaningful participation in the **Milwaukee Community Justice Council (CJC)** to reduce over-incarceration.
- Commitment to **following the resolutions and ordinances passed by the county**.
- Commitment to set aside at least 5% of the Sheriff’s office annual budget to be **divested** from systemic mass-incarceration **and reinvested** into communities; including opposition to any plans for new construction of jails, holding facilities or detention centers in Milwaukee County.
- Commitment to **upholding constitutionally-protected rights** of residents, including the First Amendment rights of the people to peaceably assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances; and due process rights to legal representation to preserve the dignity and safety of all residents regardless of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, citizenship, veteran status, or record of arrest and/or conviction.

Signed,

The Coalition for a People’s Sheriff

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 Black Leaders Organizing for Communities (BLOC)
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 Citizen Action of Wisconsin
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 Genderqueer Milwaukee
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