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## LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT GUIDE



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As a nation, we are faced with more uncertainties than ever before. During times like these, it's important to remember to remain united and appreciate the essential services that allow our country to function. Law enforcement officers protect us and our interests, and it's our responsibility to keep their needs in mind when it comes time to vote in November.

Don't forget these important issues when you head to the polls:

## Qualified Immunity

### What Voters Need to Know

Qualified immunity is a hot discussion topic in recent news but not everyone knows or understands what it is, how it will affect our police officers and most importantly, how to vote and ensure it remains in effect to protect cops in this year's elections.

Qualified immunity is a legal doctrine that keeps police officers safe from civil lawsuits. Is it reasonable to ask the police to enforce the law without protection from lawsuits? Police officers need protection from frivolous lawsuits in order to fully carry out their jobs.

Communities must understand and safeguard qualified immunity for all officers. Officers do not have absolute immunity and need qualified immunity to protect themselves. They can be held accountable when they violate a clearly established constitutional right.

Officials who try to remove qualified immunity fail to understand the value it offers in the law enforcement community and the dangers of stripping this right from those who keep our neighborhoods safe.



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Make sure you stand with police officers and vote for politicians who respect them and provide the support and protection they need to keep us safe. Vote to maintain qualified immunity for law enforcement!

## Defunding the Police

### Defunding Explained

Defunding the police means the reduction of police budgets and using the money for other societal issues; such as poverty, homelessness, education, and health services. This allows less money to go towards our police force which in turn means less equipment and training that police officers require to perform their daily tasks.

### Cities Attempting to Defund

There are many cities that have, or are in the process of, defunding their police departments. This dangerous practice means that officer numbers decrease, training can't be conducted, equipment can't be modernized or maintained, and communities everywhere suffer the consequences. Some of the largest cities defunding their police departments include New York, NY, Los Angeles, CA, and Austin, TX.

New York Police Department cut \$1 billion from its 2021 budget totaling \$88.9 billion. Los Angeles approved a \$150 million budget cut from its \$1.86 billion proposed budget and Austin cut \$150 million (roughly one third) from their police budget.

Defunding the police leads to an increase in crime, fewer people in the profession of law enforcement and a revolving door criminal justice system.



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Politicians who understand and respect the dangerous and thankless job that law enforcement officers do will fight to provide the funding required for cops to keep us safe. Vote against the defunding movement!

## Leaders Who Support the Police

Eric Adams, a former police officer himself, is the new Mayor of New York City and is a retired Captain of the New York City Police Department (NYPD). Adams opposes defunding the NYPD and believes our citizens should support our police departments in the November elections.

The law enforcement community supports Adams and have high hopes for the changes he brings to NYC. New Yorkers have high hopes for Adams as well and claim to have elected him because they believe his background as a police officer will allow him to achieve the perfect balance of justice and safety.

Laurie Cumbo, a Brooklyn councilwoman who is majority leader, also opposes defunding the police. She would like to see a more measured approach to police department cuts instead of a ridiculously, knee-jerk cut to appease the loud minority. Cumbo will be voting against defunding the police - just like the **60% of Americans who also oppose defunding the police.**



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We need more politicians like Adams and Cumbo in liberal cities across America. We need politicians that will support and stand up for police while also looking for ways to improve law enforcement.

In this upcoming election, vote for candidates who oppose defunding the police and make sure you are registered and ready to vote in November!

## Voting Resources

Have questions about how or when you can exercise your Constitutional Right to vote? Follow the links below to register and find your local polling location.

And remember:

### **VOTE TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN NOVEMBER**

How, Where, and when to Vote? **Find voter registration options in your state.**  
Find upcoming elections. **Visit your state's election office website for state-wide voting guidance.**