

SAFE STREETS

Dayne Walling's Proposal to Reduce Crime and Make Our Streets Safer

The protection of its citizens is one of the City of Flint's greatest tasks. As a father raising two children in Flint, it is of vital importance to Dayne Walling that the streets are safe for people of all ages. In every part of the city, residents deserve to be secure in their homes and neighborhoods, as well as around schools, parks, hospitals, and businesses. As Mayor, Dayne Walling will work to overcome the challenges Flint faces and increase public safety.

BRINGING DOWN CRIME

Flint's police officers are working hard to address crime, but they are not supported by the current administration. Over the past three years, over 8,000 people have suffered, victimized by violent crimes committed against them within the City of Flint. In 2006, violent crime rose 13% in Flint. That is ten times the national average. Countless other crimes have gone uninvestigated. Programs for community policing have become like other patrols. Detectives are also overwhelmed with cases. The Citizens Service Bureau is a waste of time and resources. Flint's police officers need the support of the Mayor and the leadership of a permanent Chief to restore this city's safety and security.

THE WALLING PLAN

As Mayor, Dayne Walling will provide a better, safer place for all of Flint's families by deploying police patrols to decrease crime in target areas and around schools, parks, hospitals, and businesses. By working tirelessly with all levels of government and community partners, a Walling administration will secure the city's streets.

Dayne Walling has a three-point plan for increasing safety within the city. He will:

- 1. Enact a comprehensive gun-violence reduction strategy that reaches into all parts of the city.**
- 2. Improve response to all criminal acts in order to protect private property and enforce neighborhood standards.**
- 3. Enhance the Flint Police Department's commitment to officer training, the incorporation of technology, and transparency in all actions.**

REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE

The Walling Administration will focus its attention on reducing gun violence. As Mayor, Dayne Walling will work closely with the appointed permanent Chief of Police and the Police Department. They will:

- Initiate a "Same Blocks, Same Cops" program, wherein patrols consistently are assigned to the same areas, ensuring that officers know the families they are working to protect.
- Suppress flare-ups of firearm violence with intensive order maintenance and enforcement tactics, such as enforcement of public drinking and motor vehicle violations, and pursuing outstanding warrants.
- Investigate firearm offenses and gun trafficking with the assistance of federal authorities.
- Work with the County toward a long-term strategy for increasing adequate jail space and getting criminals off the streets.
- Utilize the City's community centers to reach out to the youth of the city and instruct them in non-violent ways to solve problems and the severe penalties for gun crimes.

IMPROVING RESPONSE TO ALL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Residents in all of Flint's neighborhoods deserve enforcement of the laws and ordinances. This is the compact between city government and the community that needs to be restored. It is the responsibility of all of the City's departments, including the Flint Police Department, to uphold standards fairly and respond in a timely manner to all criminal and inappropriate activity. A Walling administration will:

- Fulfill the community policing expectation of addressing quality of life issues and code violations in all of Flint's neighborhoods equally.
- Mandate police officer participation in the Neighborhood Action Teams.
- Coordinate police action with existing neighborhood crime watches and other community public safety initiatives.

INCREASING TECHNOLOGY, TRAINING & TRANSPARENCY

In this time of budget limitations, the City has to make the most of the available patrol officers on duty per shift. A complete revitalization is needed of the technology accessible to our police, in the training they receive, and transparency of department operations. A Walling administration will:

- Provide the Flint Police Department with improved computerized crime tracking and reporting systems so that patrols can be deployed at the appropriate times to at-risk areas.
- Ensure that ongoing training opportunities, such as access to shooting ranges, are available.
- Allow public access to information on reports received, response times, arrest rates, investigative needs, prosecution results, police expenditures and revenue collections.

Feedback on the Road Map to Opportunity proposals is welcome and encouraged. For more information on Dayne Walling's campaign to bring opportunity back to Flint, please visit www.votewalling.com or call his campaign headquarters at (810) 233-9190.