

## Working together to strengthen our neighborhoods



#### **TACKLING BLIGHT & ABANDONED HOMES**

'I helped Indianapolis get **56.3 million in funding to tear abandoned homes down** through the first ever state program for home demolition. Working together we streamlined the sale process for vacant properties so they don't continue to sit and decay in our neighborhoods.

Moving forward we need stronger laws to **hold slumlords accountable** and I'll work to create additional tools to help incentivize the rehabilitation of blighted property."



#### **CURBING NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME**

"Graffiti and broken windows lead to crime in a neighborhood. It is now easier to get these cleaned up before problems begin. We got tougher on repeat drug dealers and closed the loophole to **keep guns out of the hands of the mentally ill**.

We need to modernize our public safety system to ensure those who need help, like mental health and addiction treatment, can get it, return to **community based policing**, and fund a criminal justice system that makes it possible for those who want help to get back on their feet."



### **REBUILDING AFTER COVID-19**

"Small businesses and frontline workers have been hurt by COVID-19. I've been **helping those who've lost their job navigate the unemployment system** and small business owners work with local health departments and state agencies to get needed help.

Rebuilding starts with beating the pandemic so we can all safely get back to work. Until then, we need to provide targeted loans and financial assistance to **help struggling businesses cover their expenses**."



#### **INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE**

"The list of needs in our neighborhoods is far greater than existing funding. However, we are starting to see **several major drainage projects underway, street lights installed and much needed roads repaired.** 

A long-term, sustainable solution means restructuring the state road funding formula so **Indianapolis gets its fair share**. We should prioritize neighborhood infrastructure like streets, sidewalks, alleys and drains."



#### **IMPROVING OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS**

"Despite the odds being stacked against us, we came together as a community to keep Manual and George Washington High Schools open for our students. I'm proud to have **helped establish the first ever pre-K program** funded by the State and created a scholarship program to attract the best and brightest students to lead our classrooms.

It is time we **give our teachers the pay raise they deserve**, to end the over-testing of our students, and to pass a state budget that gives our schools their fair share of funding. "



#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE**

"At the Statehouse, I've worked to **protect coverage for pre-existing conditions** for people and taken on the middlemen who raise the price of prescription drugs on everyone.

Moving forward we need to do more to **curb the rising cost of prescription drugs and health insurance premiums**."







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