

Policies

Taylor Made Vets – Veteran Brian Sharif Taylor through his non-profit, Taylor Made Vets, works toward improving the lives of local veterans. Brian vows to continue his mission of making pressing issues and lifestyle improvements for veterans a priority. Issues such as veteran suicide, military sexual trauma, PTSD alternative therapy, and a comprehensive peer to peer assistance program are just some of the initiatives that Brian plans to bring to the table in Harrisburg.

Children’s Rights – Work vehemently to eliminate the exploitation of children in every avenue that exists. From conception to birth children should be provided with a safe and healthy environment in which to thrive.

Elected Official Reform and Solidarity – Hold locally elected politicians accountable for their actions, and address the issues important to all of the people, not just party affiliation.

Community and Law Enforcement Advisory Board – Implement regular “town hall” style assemblies with citizens, advocates, mental health professionals, educators, and social services, along with elected officials, the law enforcement community, and first responders to find common ground to keep our neighborhoods safe with responsible law enforcement policy. Our community needs an outlet to communicate resources that will help both law enforcement and civilians, which seeks to apply the Uniform Code of Military Justice for Police, and sets a higher standard for law enforcement with enhanced training and definitive accountability.

Homelessness Prevention – Establish a healthy dialog with non-profit agencies and county officials to evaluate the current state of the homeless population in the 164th District on a daily basis. Provide the ability for municipal workers and law enforcement entities to consult and provide accurate reporting of observances made while on duty, and to formulate a homelessness strategy which is sustainable and fair to all that are affected by the homeless epidemic.

Re-entry Programs – Provide additional oversight and support regarding programs and employment opportunities for citizens returning from incarceration and substance abuse rehabs. Set up a “second chance” program which will provide addicts and formerly incarcerated citizens with the opportunity to succeed, thus decreasing the likelihood of returning to undesirable lifestyles.

Housing Reform – Evaluate landlord practices to include introducing state legislation to provide oversight to ensure that municipalities and boroughs are enforcing their housing licenses and inspections.

Business Reform – Introduce legislation to evaluate business practices which can potentially harm the communities they serve. Revive shopping areas, bringing in desirable stores and keeping shopping areas an attractive place for foot traffic.

Revitalization – Address the blight in our neighborhoods and create safe environments for families, ensuring that public areas are kept clean and well-maintained and there are safe and suitable environments for children to play and for people to gather.

Arts and Entertainment – Assist young artists and entrepreneurs with better access and assistance with finding available grants to support artistic projects. This will include all aspects of the music industry, literary arts, arts education, graphic design, folk and traditional arts, dance, museums, musical theater, theater, visuals arts, and many others areas of the arts.

Education – Address and assess the curriculum being taught in our schools and seek legislation to provide sustainable education that is civically correct, culturally relevant, honest, and sound.

Broadband Reform – Provide assurances and oversight that constituents in the 164th District, including our low-income neighborhoods, are billed fairly for services rendered, given the trend that lower-income areas get slower broadband speeds while paying monthly prices comparable to their counterparts in wealthy and urban areas.

Utility Oversight – Introduce legislation to ensure that utility work is completed in a time-efficient manner and that the impact on our streets and communities is at a minimum. Utilities and their contractors must be held accountable for their construction and restoration services.

Mental Health for Children and Students – Provide better access to comprehensive school-based mental health services and support initiatives and implement a seamless process between health, human services, and educational entities that support the mental and emotional health of children throughout our school districts.

Reinvestment and Responsible Spending – Ensure responsible spending on community betterment initiatives. Provide transparency on how funds and grants are being spent.

Clean streets – Introduce legislation to keep our streets clean by providing funding to the township and its municipalities. Create a street sweep program consisting of not only street sweep vehicles but personnel to patrol the streets, cleaning up debris and trash.

Immigration- Assist immigrants in obtaining the correct documentation to gain citizenship. Require giving clear information on receiving benefits and other subsidies available in the interim.