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Safety and Security: Edmonton's Top Core Priority

Safety and security is, by far, the top concern for Edmontonians. As mayor, I will rebuild trust between City Council and the Edmonton Police Commission while finding innovative ways to enhance public safety through collaboration with the Edmonton Police Service, Transit Community Safety Teams, Corporate Security Peace Officer Program and the Alberta's Community Peace Officers.

While Zoning Bylaw 20001 has sparked loud debates in the 2025 civic election, safety and security remain the core issue—from local streets to homes and the downtown core. As the only fiscally responsible candidate, I won't resort to hollow promises of hiring more police officers without a plan. Such announcements lack leadership, fail to make Edmonton safer, and guarantee unsustainable spending increases.

My plan is to lead decisively, working with the Police Commission to identify and address the Edmonton Police Service's key challenges—removing barriers and issues that prevent effective, seamless policing. If additional resources are needed, they will prioritize boots-on-the-ground officers delivering direct safety and security, ensuring a cost-effective department that serves all taxpayers.

Like most Edmontonians, I support a zero-tolerance policy for open illegal drug use and other criminal activities. I will establish a unified committee to integrate existing assets—Edmonton Police Service, Transit Community Safety Teams, Corporate Security Peace Officer Program and the Alberta's Community Peace Officers—to work as a cohesive team within current budgets. Our city must embrace smarter, more efficient approaches to public safety.

Edmonton has strong leadership in its Police Service, Transit Community Safety Teams, Corporate Security, and provincial programs. Before proposing costly new expenditures that raise taxes further, we must maximize results from our existing resources. As mayor, I will ensure Edmontonians get the greatest value from the City's approximately \$3.6 billion annual operating budget, delivering safer streets and communities without burdening taxpayers.

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