

ELECTION POLICY AGENDA FOR THE ORLEANS PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Vision: Government should ensure that jail operations protect the safety of the public, incarcerated persons and jail employees while constitutionally advancing individuals through the criminal justice system and operating in a fiscally sustainable and transparent manner.

The Sheriff's Office commits to publishing a clear vision, with sequenced plans to focus execution on a limited set of action initiatives, and with measurable outcomes for each of the priorities below:



Jail Operations

1. Adequate staffing of the Orleans Justice Center, Phase III, and other OPSO facilities, achieved through a needs analysis conducted transparently by independent correctional experts in accordance with national best practices.
2. A comprehensive training program established within the first 6 months that ensures all Deputies and Corrections Monitoring Technicians are POST-certified. This training program will also have additional curricula to make OPSO's Academy a nationally recognized leader.
3. A well-qualified jail administrator hired through a transparent public process that uses industry-standard experiential and credential qualifications.
4. Efficient management of the jail population through a case management strategy and plan that commits to cooperating with system-wide jail reduction efforts. Additionally, this plan should have goals and strategies for achieving an appropriate balance of jail occupancy and public safety,
5. A reduction in incidents of violence at the jail achieved through an effective strategy and plan, based on industry best practices and published within the first 90 days, that includes measurable goals and timeframes for achieving them.
6. A strategic operational and staffing plan for the Phase III building that incorporates the special level of care and oversight required for this inmate population, including identification of specific criteria for housing inmates in the facility.



Jail Funding

7. A transparent, outcomes-based annual budgeting process that publicly presents revenue and expenditure data, derived from an internal strategic planning process.
8. Integration of OPSO financial systems with the City's BRASS Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP) system based upon a well-informed strategic plan for information sharing.
9. Competitive compensation for deputies, administrators and other personnel, set according to research and analysis regarding regional compensation levels.



10. An actionable plan for identifying and funding operational, maintenance, and capital improvement needs to protect against deterioration of facilities and degradation or compromise of physical security controls, including an evaluation of bonding capacity and millage rates.



Criminal Justice System Collaboration

11. Regular participation by Sheriff and top leadership in criminal justice policy coordination meetings convened by the City administration, robust communication with the City Council in quarterly Criminal Justice Committee meetings and a commitment to help implement strategic and operational objectives identified through this process.
12. Cooperation with local or state efforts to establish an external oversight body to improve accountability through regular monitoring of jail operations.
13. Full compliance with the requirements of the Consent Judgment within the first term in office as determined by the presiding federal Judge.
14. Continued involvement in and coordination with the ongoing Justice Technology Modernization projects, particularly the new Jail Management System and DocketMaster replacements.

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The Business Council serves as a vehicle for business leaders to speak with one principled voice in advocating for fiscal and public policies that foster economic growth and provide a better quality of life for all who choose to live and work in the New Orleans Metropolitan area. To accomplish this, we hold elected officials accountable for implementing clear, predictable laws that advance efficient, effective, transparent and accountable government.

OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

The Business Council's Criminal Justice Task Force works to help improve public safety outcomes by driving innovation and expertise across the New Orleans criminal justice system, insisting on a system-wide approach to improve the effectiveness of local agencies.

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