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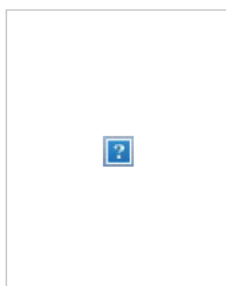
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# UPCOMING ELECTIONS & RECENT RESULTS

## TODAY'S MAYORAL ELECTIONS



Incumbent Democratic Mayor Tim Mahoney is up for re-election in Fargo today.

The following cities are hosting nonpartisan primary elections today:

### **Henderson, NV**

If no candidate reaches 50%+1, the top two vote-getters will advance to a general election on November 8. The candidates for Mayor include:

- Drew Dison - City Hall Intern
- Frank Ficadenti - Engineer, Defence Contractor
- Michelle Romero - City Councilwoman, Republican

\*Mayor Debra March is running for Nevada lieutenant governor as a Democratic candidate.

### **Reno, NV**

If no candidate reaches 50%+1, the top two vote-getters will advance to a general election on November 8. The candidates for Mayor include:

- Hillary Schieve - Incumbent Mayor
- Jenny Brekhus - City Councilwoman
- Eddie Lorton - Former Candidate for Mayor

### **North Las Vegas, NV**

If no candidate reaches 50%+1, the top two vote-getters will advance to a general election on November 8. The candidates for Mayor include:

- Pamela Goynes-Brown - City Councilwoman, Retired Educator
- Laura Perkins - Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents member, Democrat
- Patricia Spearman - State Senate Whip, Democrat
- Jesse Addison III - Veteran, TSA Agent, LVPD civilian employee

\*Mayor John J. Lee is running for governor of Nevada as a Republican candidate.

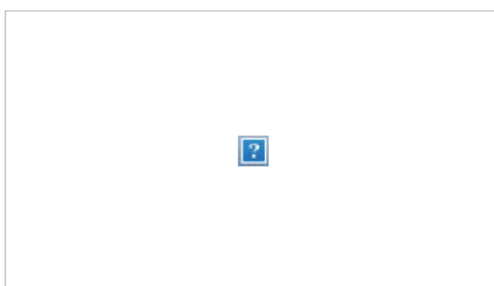
## **Fargo, ND**

The candidate with the most votes will win the general election. The candidates for Mayor include:

- Tim Mahoney - Democrat Incumbent Mayor
- Shannon Roers Jones - State legislator, Real Estate Broker, Attorney, Republican
- Hukun Dabar - Small Business Owner, Activist
- Dustin Elliott - Loan Officer at Wells Fargo
- Sheri Fercho - Stay-at-home mom
- Michael Borgie - Chef, Restaurant Industry Staffer

## **RECENT RESULTS**

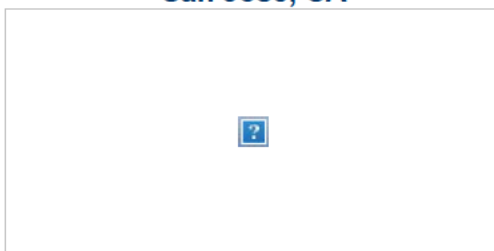
### **Los Angeles, CA**



Congresswoman Karen Bass and Rick J. Caruso

U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass and real estate developer Rick J. Caruso will face off in the general election in November. Bass earned more than 38% of the vote, and Caruso earned more than 40% of the vote.

### **San Jose, CA**



Cindy Chavez and Matt Mahan

County supervisor Cindy Chavez and City Council member Matt Mahan will face off in the general election in November. Chavez earned 40% of the vote, and Mahan earned 32% of the vote.

### **Long Beach, CA**



Susan Price and Rex Richardson

Councilmember Susan Price will face Vice Mayor Rex Richardson in the general election in November. Price earned more than 38% of the vote, while Richardson earned more than 42% of the vote.

### **Torrance, CA**



Mayor-elect George Chen

Councilman George Chen defeated former Councilman Cliff Numark in the election for Mayor of Torrance. Chen earned more than 55% of the vote, while Numark earned 44% of the vote. Mayor-elect Chen also makes history as the city's first Asian American mayor.

### **San Bernardino, CA**



James F. Penman and Helen Tran

Attorney James F. Penman will face businesswoman Helen Tran in the runoff election in November. Penman earned more than 19% of the vote, while Tran earned 41% of the vote.

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## **ROE V. WADE**

Mayors,

In anticipation of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, we wanted to learn more about what actions you are leading or planning to take when the decision is released. We want to gauge what various Mayor's offices are doing as we foresee that

reporters will reach out.

Examples:

#### **Austin, TX - Mayor Steve Adler**

Mayor Steve Adler and the city council have developed the GRACE (Guarding the Right to Abortion Care for Everyone) Act that would direct Austin police to make criminal enforcement, arrests, and investigations of abortion its lowest priority. The measure would also block the use of city funds and staff from reporting or investigating suspected abortions. The GRACE Act would not be submitted before the full council until the Supreme Court's decision is issued and could come within hours of the ruling.

#### **Chicago, IL - Mayor Lori Lightfoot**

Mayor Lori Lightfoot is pledging \$500,000 through the Justice for All Pledge to support reproductive healthcare for Chicago residents and individuals from neighboring states. The fund will support transportation, lodging, care, and, if necessary, access to safe and legal abortion procedures.

Please fill out this google [form](#) with actions or email [Brooke@DemocraticMayors.org](mailto:Brooke@DemocraticMayors.org) with details.

## **DMA BUSINESS MEETING & RECEPTION RECAP**

Richmond Mayor and DMA President Levar Stoney presided over the DMA Annual Business Meeting in Reno, NV. The meeting featured a presentation from the Center for American Progress regarding recent polling on public perceptions about crime.

#### **Highlights of the Presentation/Discussion**

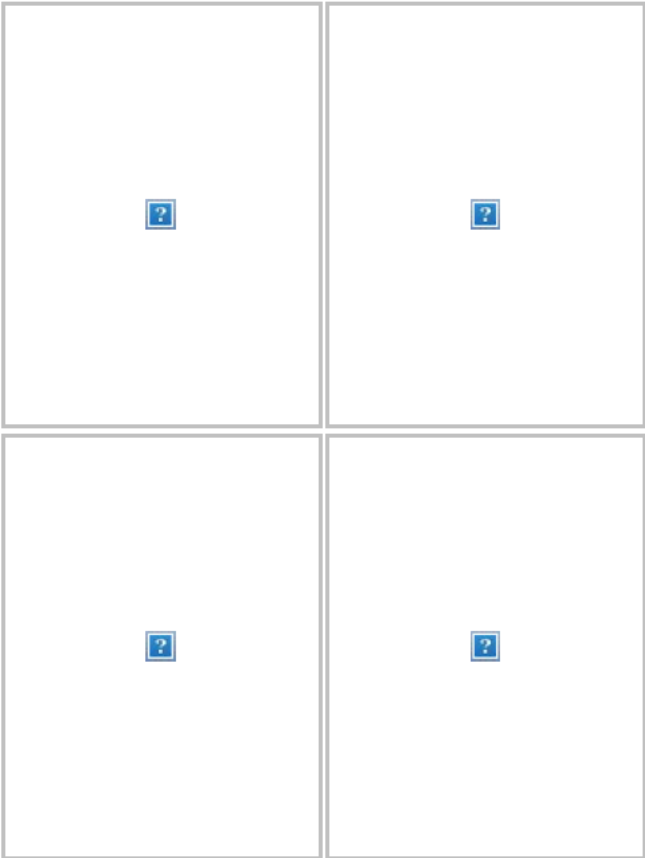
- \* Crime is not a top tier issue nor is it one that Democrats can ignore.
- \* Democrats need to change the conversation on crime.
- \* Democrats need to educate the media regarding false narratives.
- \* Crime is a national issue.
- \* Republicans have a strong brand as the Law and Order party while the Democrats are perceived to be soft on crime.
- \* Democrats need to define and utilize consistent and simple messaging such as Stop the Violence.
- \* Voters support a wide range of solutions including many long-term and systemic policies **BUT** they gravitate towards responses that will address the **immediate** threat.

If Mayors are interested in more details about the presentation, please email [Virginia@democraticmayors.org](mailto:Virginia@democraticmayors.org) and we can provide additional information. DMA will continue its work with the Center for American Progress and will share more details regarding messaging and polling.

Mayor Stoney recognized DMA Board Member Mayor Steve Adler and USCM Past President Mayor Greg Fischer for remarks as they are both term-limited and this was their last DMA Business Meeting.

On Sunday evening in Reno, DMA hosted a lively Celebration of America's Mayors where Mayors, Alliance members and friends gathered for a fun evening together! Thank you to our sponsors: Siemens, LSN Partners, Bronner Group and Walgreens!

Below are a few pictures from the event:



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## REFLECTIONS FROM LOUISVILLE MAYOR GREG FISCHER

We have all experienced exhilarating highs as mayors and we have also been through some very difficult and unprecedented times.

Mayor is the greatest gig in the world, but at it's toughest, it can be one of the most challenging and loneliest jobs too.

The pandemic and protests of 2020 were particularly tough. I felt so bad for some of you that were new mayors when that shit hit the fan!

It's a lonely feeling when all sides of the city are in turmoil and "you are the man", seemingly supposed to make everything ok.

But the reality is it's never that easy. These generational challenges are hard by definition.

We just happen to be the mayors in the seat.

One of the toughest times for me was the summer of 2020 when I received massive criticism from my base after tear gas was used to disperse a crowd after 7 people were shot from within the crowd - what do you do - teargas your citizens or let the victims bleed out?

It actually was an easy decision but to hear harsh criticism from people who you thought were your friends and supporters was disheartening, discouraging.

In those times, dozens of simultaneous challenges were everywhere - what do you do when 100 white nationalists show up with assault rifles then 100 Black nationalists show up and you have to give them both visible space to exercise their first amendment rights? These and countless other issues when your only choice seems to be the "least worst" decision.

You plan, maybe you pray - and you reach out to your fellow mayors for advice and for comfort...because there is no one else that understands..... you read the texts of encouragement from your sister and brother mayors - and you are thankful for every word.

It is certainly not always glory in these times, but we learn and we keep moving forward... As the great Louisvillian Muhammad Ali said, "It's not important that you get knocked down, what is important is what you do when you get back up".

This is when the most valuable work is done- under the toughest of times.

For then is when people see you as their mayor. The mayor that stayed in the arena - with their great team - and got the city through the tragedy - whether it's violence or a natural disaster or protests. In retrospect, these are the most rewarding times of the job.

When you take all of the pain of the most difficult times, and honor that pain by making your city a better place.

We have so much joy in our work. We believe in our people. We lead with compassion - the belief that the full human potential of everyone in our cities deserves to shine like the sun!

Yet we are an odd lot that relishes in challenges that most run from and call impossible, but I will remind us all what Ali once said about impossible ""Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion

In my twelve years as mayors it is abundantly clear to me that the battle between good and evil, light and dark, is just getting increasingly intense.

You all are warriors and it is an honor to be in the battle with you.

Our team - us - we get it done time and time again - whether it is Levar taking down statues of hate, Steve Adler tackling homelessness, Lori, Sylvester taking on the gun lobby. We get it done - and we will continue to get it done.

Our destiny, our destiny, is to be that difference between good and evil, dark and light, to lift all of our people up.

And there is no group I would rather go into these battles with than the Dem Mayors of

America.

So as I close, I will just ask...are you up for the fight...are you up for the fight.... ARE YOU UP FOR THE FIGHT?

We are more than up for the fight - let's get after it!!

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## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR: GOOD JOBS SUMMIT

In collaboration with the Family and Workers Fund, the U.S. Department of Labor will host the Good Jobs Summit on **Tuesday, June 21, 2022**. The Good Jobs Summit will be a full-day conversation on how the federal government is administering and prioritizing strong job quality through federal infrastructure investments.

The summit will focus on how to be competitive for investment opportunities through building partnerships among government, labor, and business, as well as a deeper dive into case studies of successful projects that created good jobs through focusing on gender and racial equity. Additionally, there will be a discussion on job quality measurements and how to track data in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) investment progress and to ensure accountability.

To learn more about the event and to register, click [here](#).

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## ICYMI: AXIOS

Axios: [Sweeping reporting failures may compromise the FBI's 2021 crime data](#)

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## RESOURCES FOR MAYORS AND STAFF

### Funding Opportunities Available from the U.S. Department of Justice

Below are grant opportunities through the Office of Justice Programs and the COPS Office which may interest you and your city.

- [Office of Justice Programs Grant Opportunities](#)
- [COPS Office Opportunities](#)



The following are specific programs of particular interest:

- [COPS Hiring Program](#) (deadline June 16)
- [School Violence Prevention Program](#) (deadline June 21)
- [FY 2022 Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program](#) (deadline June 21)
- [FY 2022 Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative](#) (deadline June 21)

## DOT NOFOs for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Programs

To provide more visibility into upcoming funding opportunities, DOT has published a list of anticipated dates for Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for key Bipartisan Infrastructure Law programs. This list is not comprehensive and will be updated periodically with new programs and dates.

- July - [Rail Vehicle Replacement Program](#)
- July - [All Stations Accessibility Program](#)
- Summer - [National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)

For more NOFOs, click [here](#).

## The National Democratic Training Committee

[The National Democratic Training Committee](#) (NDTC) has a number of upcoming live trainings that may be of interest to Democratic Mayors and staff.

- **June 14:** [How to Keep Your Volunteers on Message](#)
- **June 15:** [Connect With Voters Through Personal Stories](#)
- **June 16:** [Kelly Q&A: Winning the Messaging Battle](#)
- **June 23:** [How to Use Peer-to-Peer Texting on Political Campaigns](#)

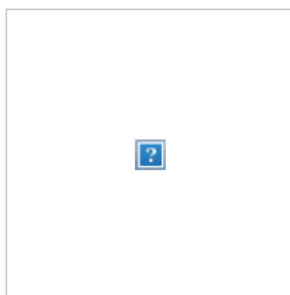
We encourage you to take advantage of these free resources.

For a more comprehensive list of trainings, resources, and best practices for Mayors and staff, click [here](#).

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# MAYORS IN ACTION

## Mayor Gloria Launches New City Youth Workforce Program



San Diego Mayor **Todd Gloria** recently launched a new youth workforce program, "Employ + Empower," to provide paid internships and job opportunities for local youth. The

program is made possible through investments from the state's Youth Jobs Corps and will help at least 1,000 youth gain real-world experience while serving their community and earning pay.

“As Mayor, I have made investing in our youth a priority for the City of San Diego. Thanks to the State of California's investment in this important program, we will be able to employ and empower young people through public service jobs,” said Mayor Todd Gloria. “Employ + Empower provides our youth with a career pathway while compensating them for their work. Our goal is to show young San Diegans the opportunities open to them while they earn a paycheck and gain skills they can ultimately use in their careers.”

The program intends to serve youth who have had difficulty finding employment, are low-income, unemployed or out of school, are in the justice system, are transitioning from foster care, or are engaged with mental health or substance use systems. Youth will be able to work in various departments and contribute to San Diego's work on climate change, food insecurity, and COVID-19 recovery.

Read more [here](#).

## Mayor Gainey Outlines Anti-Violence Pittsburgh Plan for Peace



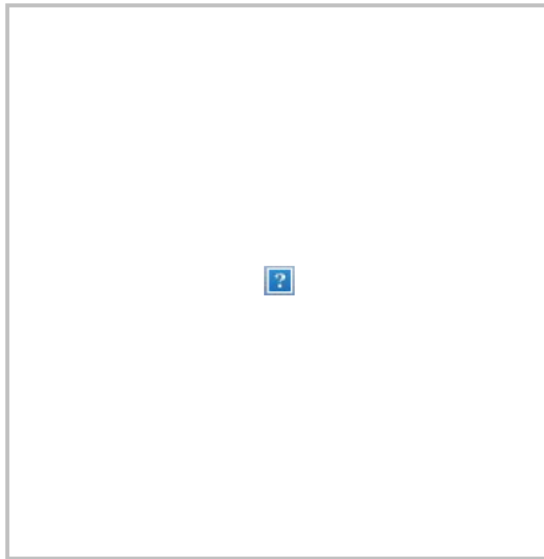
Pittsburgh Mayor **Ed Gainey** announced his new anti-violence ‘Pittsburgh Plan for Peace,’ which will help the city better align its resources and capture violent criminals. The plan focuses on six action areas: public health, right policing, person-centered support, community partnerships, a healthy economy, and data and evidence.

Mayor Gainey shared that his short-term goals will be to prioritize street-level deterrence, capture repeat offenders, and work with the police to foster better community relationships. The city also plans to expand its Crisis Response Intervention Teams and continue using its group violence intervention unit, community partnership outreach, and community policing.

“By addressing violence through a public health lens, we are going to be able to expand our capacity to intervene to prevent violence and harm, to care immediately for those who are harmed, to contain the harm so that it does not spread to others and to seek out the root causes to prevent future harm,” said Mayor Gainey.

Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

## Tweet of the Week: Washington DC Mayor Muriel Bowser and Vice President Kamala Harris at a Pride event this weekend.



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**Mayors: If you have an initiative or announcement that should be highlighted in Mayors in Action or on our social media channels, please email Brooke Williams at [Brooke@democraticmayors.org](mailto:Brooke@democraticmayors.org).**



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