

Building Bridges to a Better Community: The Community's Voice

1. Commit to incorporating Building Bridges to a Better Community (BBBC) in the city's strategic plan; assign two council members to the BBBC initiative;
2. Commitment from City Council to strategically consider programs and initiatives that impact community violence in the city budget;
3. Commit to a focused, intentional economic development project on the Central and Southeast side of Fort Wayne;
4. Develop a new community-policing approach in order to build trust in police forces and improve security and safety;
5. Encourage and cultivate more diversity within the Fort Wayne PD's Detective Homicide Unit;
6. Create a feedback loop on the status of open investigations; improve data collection to provide police, service providers, and communities with accurate, on time information on violent incidents, to enable better targeting of prevention activities and law enforcement;
7. Increasing the focus on building trust and social cohesion by supporting neighborhood associations and community groups and their involvement in community change;
8. Improving transportation and mobility options available for urban populations that supports employment opportunities;
9. Commitment to cleaning and eradicating community eyesores and dilapidated structures;
10. Engaging urban youth to participate in Youth Councils and other social and environmental initiatives giving them a voice in local decision making.

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Hundreds of invested Fort Wayne
Residents

The National League of Cities

The Fort Wayne Commission for
the Study of African American
Males

The National Urban League

The Fort Wayne YWCA

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Fort Wayne Rescue Mission

Fort Wayne Women's Bureau

Fellowship Missionary

***Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence
but also internal violence of spirit.
Martin Luther King Jr.***

