

MTF Draft Recommendations List

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Racial and Criminal Justice

1. Implement anti-racism solutions
 - Provide more financial support for the Office of African American Affairs (OAAA), connect it with the Health Dept., and streamline OAAA's efforts with the County OAAA
 - Create ad-hoc committee of engaged community members to provide feedback, suggestions, etc. to Council on issues related to racial and criminal justice
 - Modify police training; for example, implement Health Dept.'s Blueprint for Peace in training and implement Wisconsin Policy Forum's policing reform recommendations
 - Expand emotional intelligence and cultural competency assessments to all City employees
 - Incentivize first-time homebuying and residence in black/brown neighborhoods

Health and Wellness

2. Address the major impacts COVID-19 has had on the black and brown community
 - Ensure that the vaccine is equitably and evenly distributed by all parties involved, including Health Department
3. Increase funding to the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP)
 - OVP's current ReCAST grant funding is in its last year and is expiring soon
4. Promote and advocate for goals and recommendations of OVP's Blueprint for Peace

Infrastructure

5. Create a pedestrian-first plan, which will involve building better and more sidewalks, bike lanes, curb appeal, pedestrian malls, and public transit
 - Reorganize Department of Public Works to create a modern transportation agency tasked with addressing equity, climate change, safety, economic development, mobility, mode shift, quality of life, and create new strategic plan with a vision, goals, and meaningful next steps
 - Be more aggressive with Complete Streets as a policy instrument, create overall vision, increase follow-through on implementation, be more forward-thinking, improve marketing of projects
 - Prioritize disadvantaged neighborhoods for infrastructure projects

Education

6. Incentivize young people to stay in Milwaukee for college
 - Devote more resources to scholarships, grants, ACT prep, training
 - Offer free or discounted tuition to students enrolling in universities within same state of residence
 - Offer more scholarships and a city pool discounted rate for local students
7. Expose young people to non-traditional career pathways available in Milwaukee
 - Implement this as part of school curriculums
8. Improve the college experience, implement curriculums to teach students about Milwaukee job possibilities, and expose them to the city
9. Promote creation of Historically Black College and University (HBCU) in Milwaukee

Employment and Economic Development

10. Assist and expand startups, apprenticeships, and internships
11. Expand capacity and resources for Business Improvement Districts (BID) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF), and implement anti-displacement measures and programs for childhood development or tax credits for childcare
12. Boost and promote Milwaukee's growing tech industry
13. Expand funding and capacity to Direct Connect MKE and Earn and Learn programs
14. Explore a Universal Basic Income (UBI) program

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15. Attract people from other countries to move and stay in Milwaukee by extending work visas for immigrants
16. Create a “Department of Transformation” or “Department of People”
 - Spur innovation, talent attraction, provide scope for involvement in national issues, federal and state grant opportunities, identify weaknesses within City government, etc.
17. Promote Milwaukee’s success stories and City programs through a central hub
 - Possibilities lie within Public Information Division, VISIT Milwaukee
18. Expand and public improve transit in order to connect people to job sites

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