MILWAUKEE SAFETY AND CIVIC COMMISSION

2022-2023 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

City of Milwaukee Public Safety and Health Committee

November 30, 2023

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The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the 2022-2023 Programs and Activities the Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission has completed and continues to work on with Local officials, City of Milwaukee Departments, Local businesses, Non-profit groups, Places of Worship and Milwaukee residences in the City of Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission is comprised of Safety and Civic Commissioners with three Mayoral Appointments and Fifteen Appointments representing each City of Milwaukee Alderperson for the City of Milwaukee. The Milwaukee Police Department Safety Division provides supports for the Commission.

The Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission has been tasked with improving the quality of life in Milwaukee by improving safety and addressing citywide problems through effective targeted public education and public information efforts to achieve behavior modification to lift the community as a whole.

There are five Subcommittees that have been formed to support the Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission mission by working with City departments and connecting Milwaukee residents with targeted information and resources to improve safety and their quality of life here in the City of Milwaukee as set forth by City of Milwaukee Ordinance 320.27.

There have been challenges with the Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission as with any Commission or Board, however, the victories have outweighed the challenges with committed Commissioners, vested Stakeholders and steadfast Milwaukee residents who want to have an active role in addressing city wide problems and become a part of the solution for this great diverse and rich City of Milwaukee that we all either reside, work, worship, support businesses, and or enjoy leisure recreational and entertaining venues.

Thank you to the City of Milwaukee Public Safety and Health Committee for giving the Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission an opportunity to come and share this report.

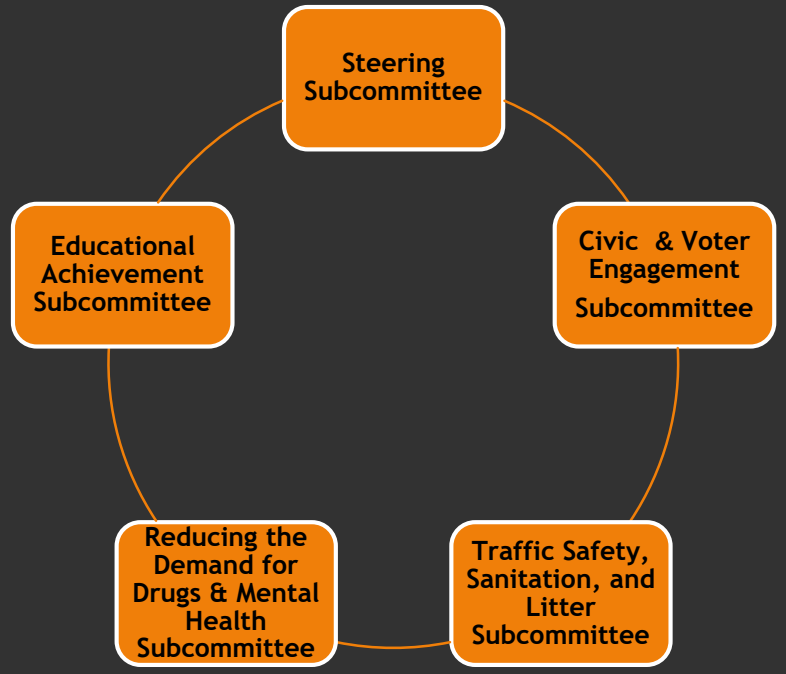
Respectfully submitted,

Byron Marshall Jr.

Byron Marshall Jr.
Chair of the Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission

5 SUBCOMMITTEES THAT SUPPORT THE SAFETY AND CIVIC COMMISSION

- There are five Subcommittees that support the Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission and they are tasked with achieving the goals of the Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission with improving safety and addressing citywide problems through working with City departments and connecting with Milwaukee residents by providing them with targeted information and resources to improve safety and their quality of life in their Milwaukee community as set forth by City of Milwaukee Ordinance 320.27.



STEERING SUBCOMMITTEE

- SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR MARLOW DAVIS
  - SUBCOMMITTEE: COMMISSIONER BYRON MARSHALL JR., COMMISSIONER DARNELLE BOWLES, COMMISSIONER DR. KENNETH HARRIS JR. and COMMISSIONER RANDY JONES
  - GOAL:
    - Provide support and form partnerships with City of Milwaukee Departments, Elected and Appointed Officials, Non-Profit, Private and Community organizations, Businesses and etc. to achieve the Mission of the Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission and support the Subcommittees of the Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission.
      - Ensure resources and partnerships are provided to Subcommittees, so that goals are met, and the quality of life of Milwaukee Residents are supported and enhanced and their voices are heard.

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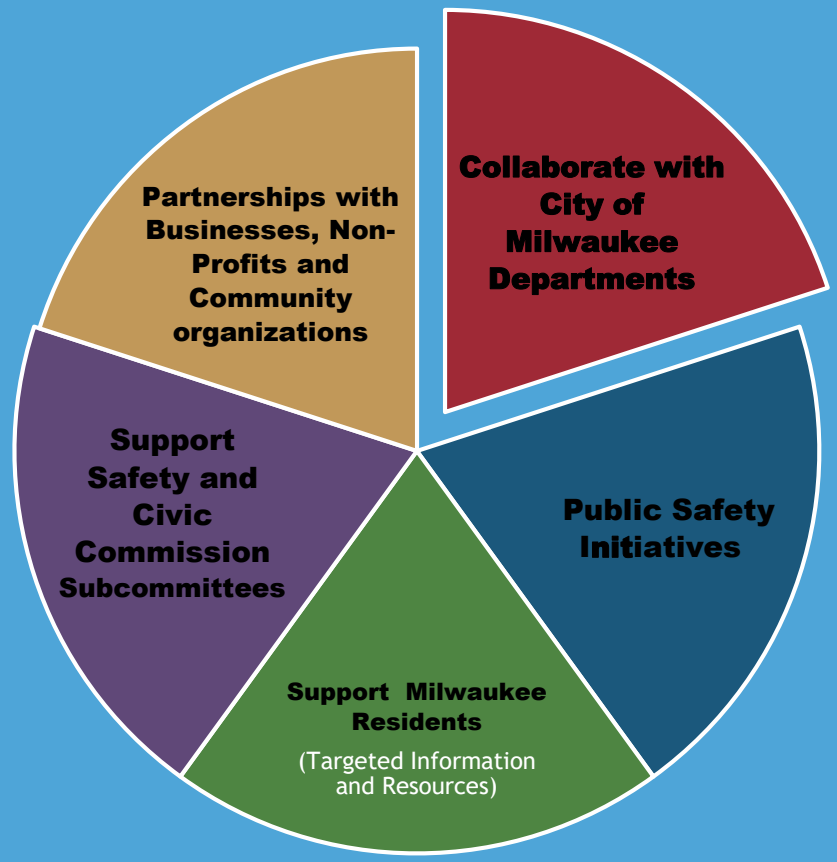
SUBCOMMITTEE: Commissioner Byron Marshall Jr. Commissioner Darnelle Bowles, Commissioner Dr. Kenneth Harris Jr. and Commissioner Randy Jones



GUN SAFETY EVENT SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

Free Gun Locks

- Commissioner Marshall Jr. and Commissioner Bowles organized Gun Safety Event with Juneau Housing Complex.
- Prevent another child from accessing an unlocked and loaded firearm
- 100 Gun Locks Distributed on 7-3-22
- 3 year old fatality shot from a self-inflicting gun shot on 7-1-22

https://www.wisn.com/article/family-speaks-out-after-shooting-death-of-3-year-old-in-milwaukee/40487422#

Gun Safety Event

Place: N. 19th & W Juneau Housing Complex

Time: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

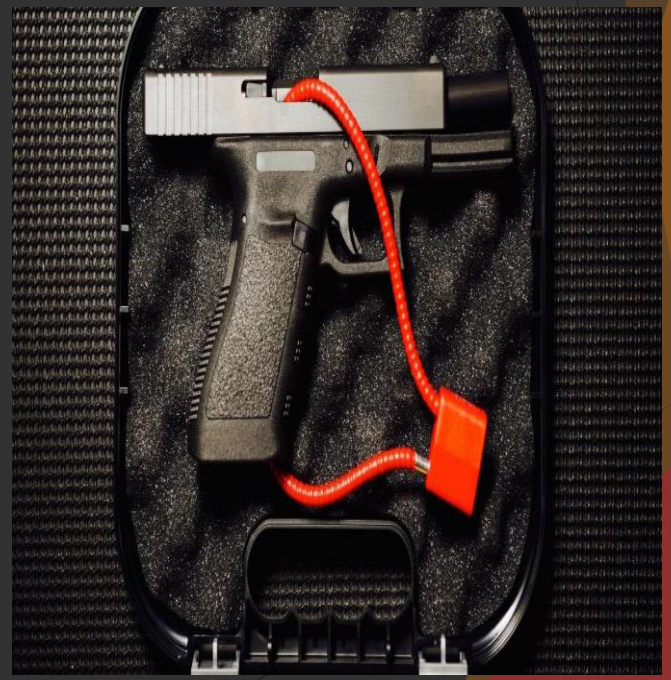
Focus: Provided gun locks, and gun lock safety pamphlets to parents.

Gun Safety Event: Created a safe space for residents to talk receive free gun locks and gun lock safety brochures.

Provided coloring books, pencils, crayons for children and food for families.

Partners: Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission , Milwaukee Police Department, Community Huddle and Religious Clergy.

Free Gun Locks



Public Safety Community Listening Session

Chair Byron Marshall Jr. and Subcommittee Chair, Randy Jones attended with:

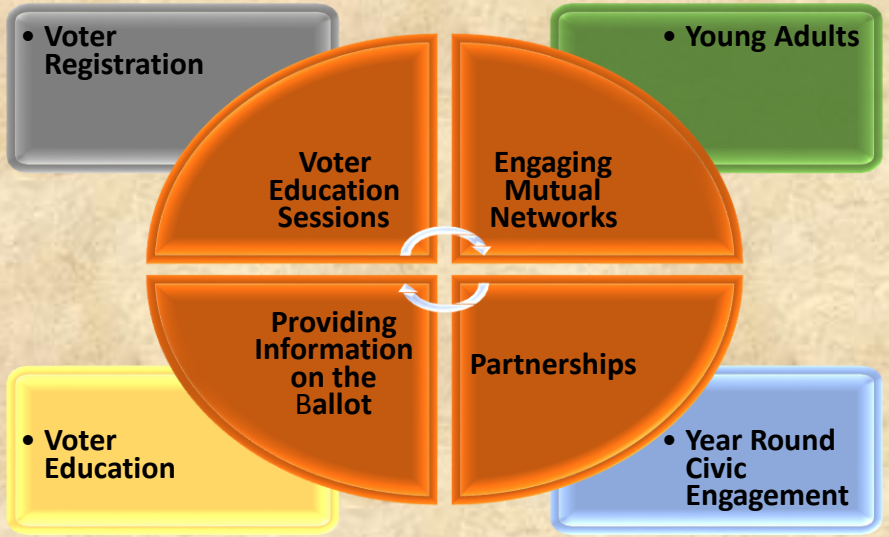
50 City of Milwaukee residents attended on behalf of invitations from the Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission.

Opportunity for Milwaukee residents to come and address many of their concerns:

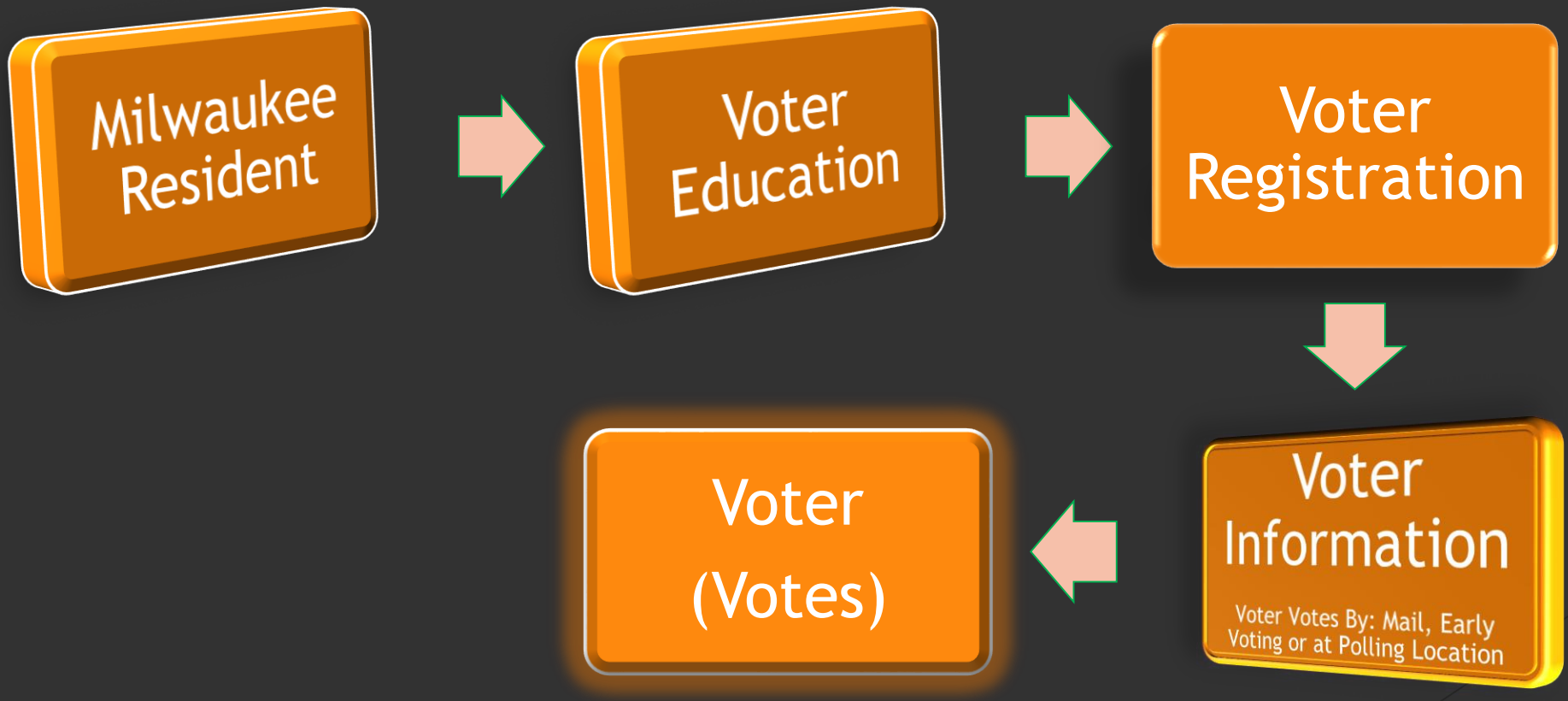
- ✓ Regarding Crime
- ✓ Reckless Driving
- ✓ Improving Quality of life issues in the City of Milwaukee

CIVIC AND VOTER ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

- Subcommittee Chair Commissioner Angela Lang
  - Commissioner Dr. Kenneth Harris Jr., Commissioner Byron Marshall Jr., and Commissioner Solana Patterson- Ramos



CIVIC YEAR ROUND ENGAGEMENT



CIVIC AND VOTER ENGAGMENT

Informed Milwaukee Residents:

- Where to vote. (Polling Locations)
- Find out what is on your ballot before Elections. Myvote.wi.gov
- Informing residents through social media outlets of the upcoming Spring Primary & General Elections as well as the Fall Primary and General Elections and the website **myvote.wi.gov.**
- **Early Voting Dates, Times, and Places**
- **How to Vote Absentee if desired.**
- **Milwaukee Polling Locations**
- Seasonal Employment: How to apply to be an election poll worker.

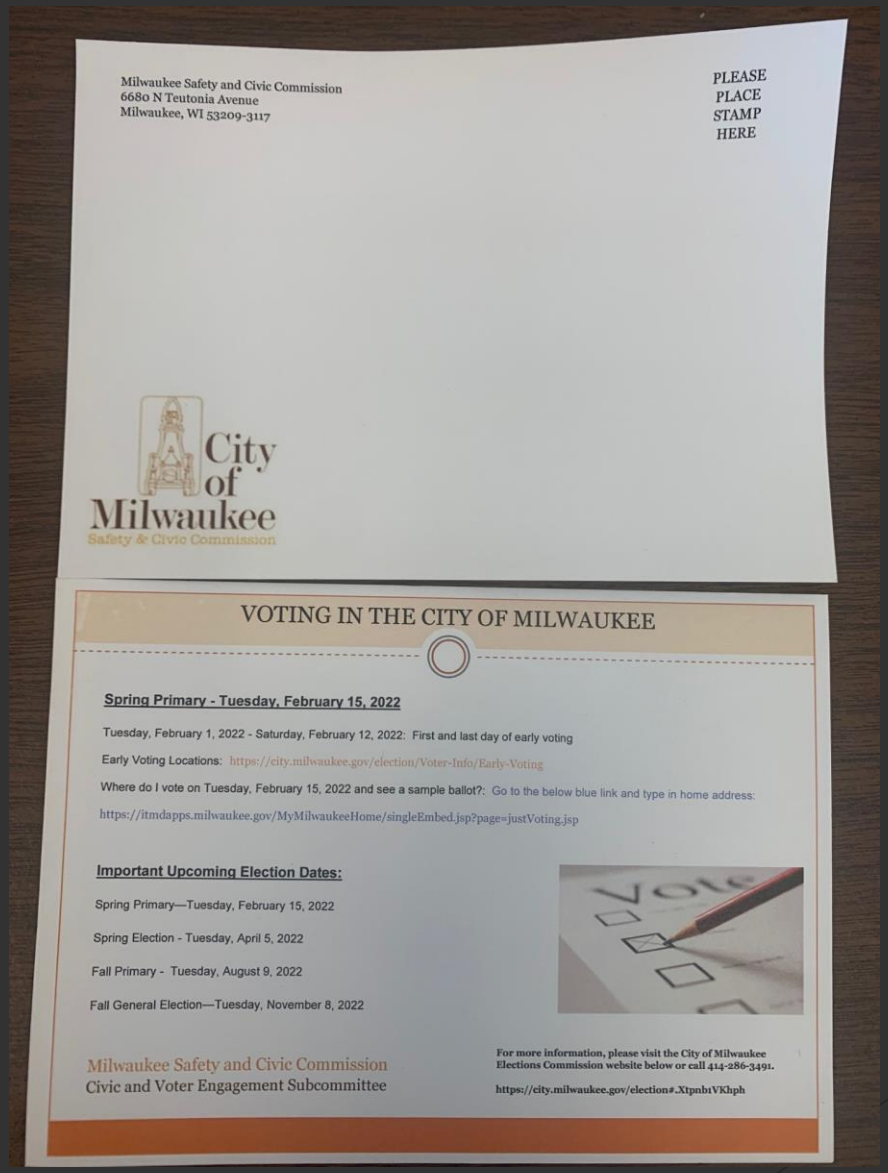
Continue working with the City of Milwaukee Elections office in a non-bipartisan capacity, so that Milwaukee residents are informed and represented.

3000 Postcards Produced and Distributed to Milwaukee Residents in English & Spanish

300 Postcards were mailed randomly to Milwaukee residents.

2700 Postcards were distributed to Milwaukee Residents by Safety and Civic Commissioners

at community meetings, crime & safety meetings, places of worship, and through non-profit organizations.



2022 -2023 CIVIC AND VOTER ENGAGEMENT

- Worked with the City of Milwaukee Election Commission Office.
  - Recruitment: Informed Milwaukee Residents of Employment Opportunities: Milwaukee Elections Poll Workers.
  - Volunteer Opportunities:
    - Distributing & collecting Vote Here Signage that was placed near and at Milwaukee Polling locations.
  - Potential New Early Voting Site:
    - 6001 W. Capital Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53216
    - https://www.cbs58.com/news/milwaukees-midtown-early-voting-site-likely-to-relocate-to-60th-and-capitol

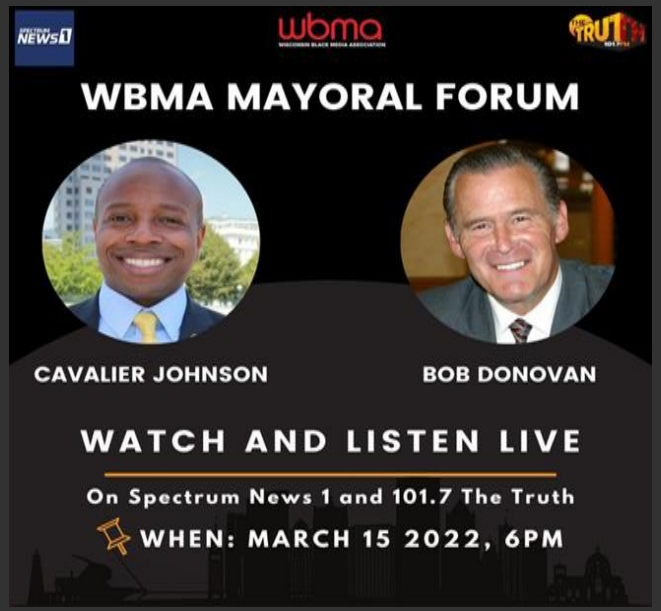
2022 -2023 CIVIC & VOTER ENGAGEMENT THROUGH PUBLIC INFORMATION MEDIA OUTLETS

Civic & Voter Engagement Forums 2022-2023

Subcommittee Chair Commissioner Angela Lang spoke on various media outlets regarding the 2022 & 2023 City of Milwaukee Elections.

- ✓ WTMJ
- ✓ V101.7 The Truth
- ✓ Spectrum News 1
- ✓ Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
- ✓ Social Media Outlets

City of Milwaukee Mayoral Forum March 15, 2022

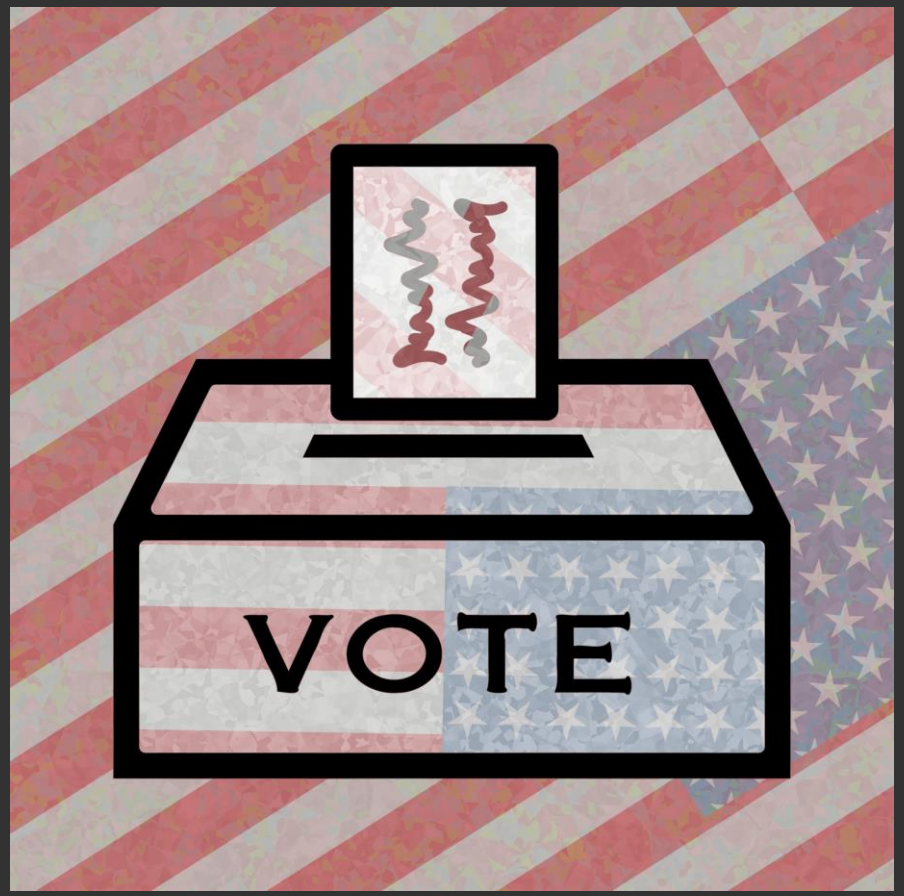


WI Governor Gubernatorial Debate October 18, 2022

Commissioner Dr. Kenneth Harris Jr., Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Panelist for the Wisconsin Governor Gubernatorial Debate between Governor Tony Evers and Candidate Tim Michaels

- ✓ Questions asked of the two WI Gubernatorial Candidates
- ✓ Aired on Local TV stations as well as C-SPAN
- ✓ Over 50,000 Viewers reached

2023 CIVIC AND VOTER ENGAGEMENT



Informed Residents of Items on the Ballot they would vote on in Spring of 2023

- **Milwaukee School Board Director Seats**
- **City of Milwaukee Aldermanic Districts 1, 5, & 9.**
- **Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judges and Milwaukee Municipal Branch Judges**
- **Wisconsin Justice of Supreme Court Judge**
- **Statewide Referendums on the ballots such as:**
  - **Cash Bail**
  - **Welfare Benefits**
  - **Conditions of Release**
  - **Abortion**

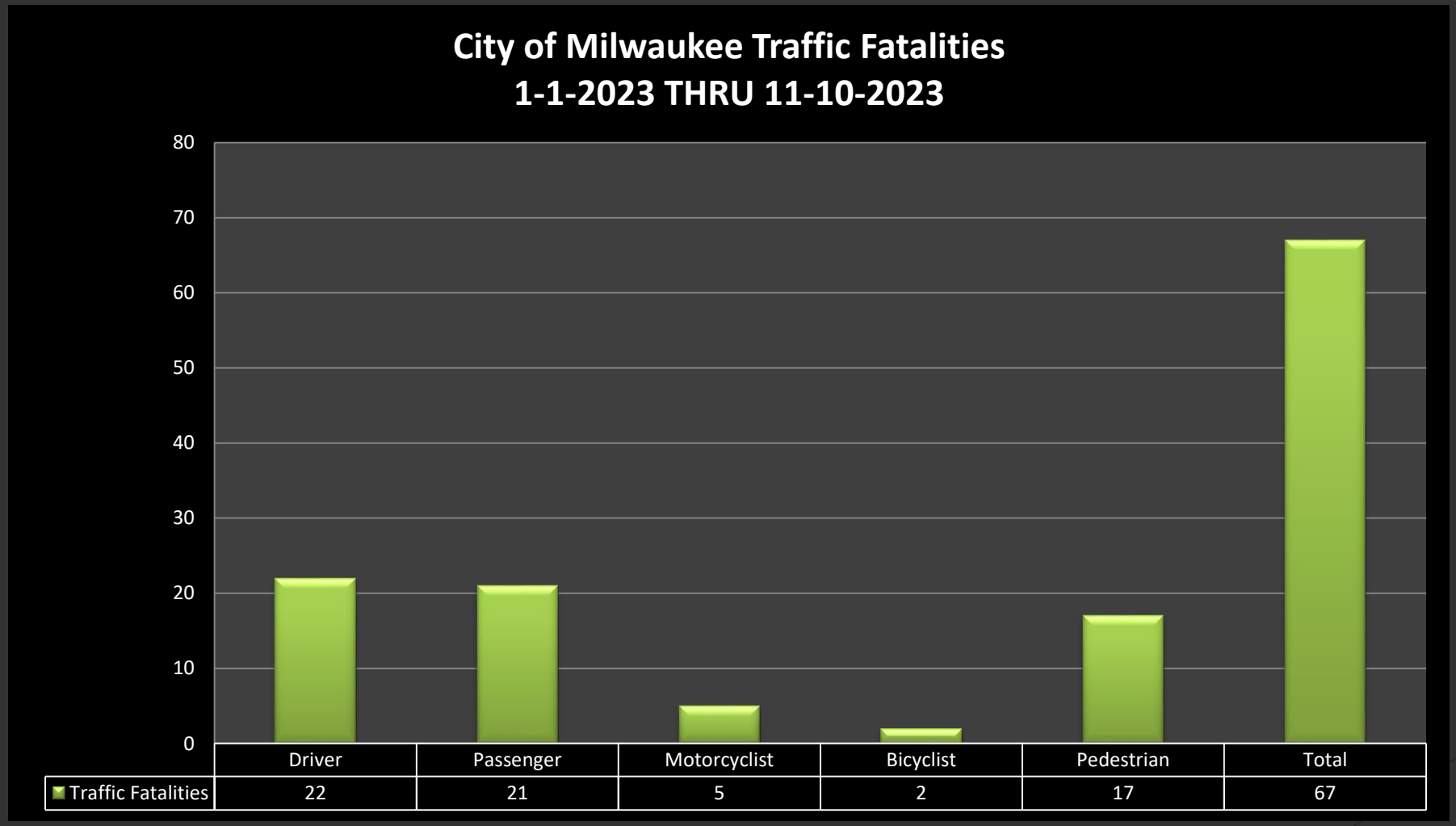
<u>Ongoing Civic Engagement 2024 Elections</u>:

- **Spring Primary: Tuesday, February 20, 2024**
- **Spring Election: Tuesday, April 2, 2024**
- **Fall Primary: Tuesday, August 13, 2024**
- **General Election: Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

TRAFFIC SAFETY, SANITATION AND LITTER SUBCOMMITTEE

- SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR COMMISSIONER RANDY JONES
  - SUBCOMMITTEE: COMMISSIONER LEE WHITING AND COMMISSIONER DR. KENNETH HARRIS JR.
  - <u>GOALS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE</u>:
  - Reduce traffic crashes and traffic fatalities here in the City of Milwaukee.
  - Reduce litter and improve sanitation in the City of Milwaukee creating a residency space of free of litter.

CITY OF MILWAUKEE TRAFFIC FATALITIES 1-1-2023 thru 11-10-2023



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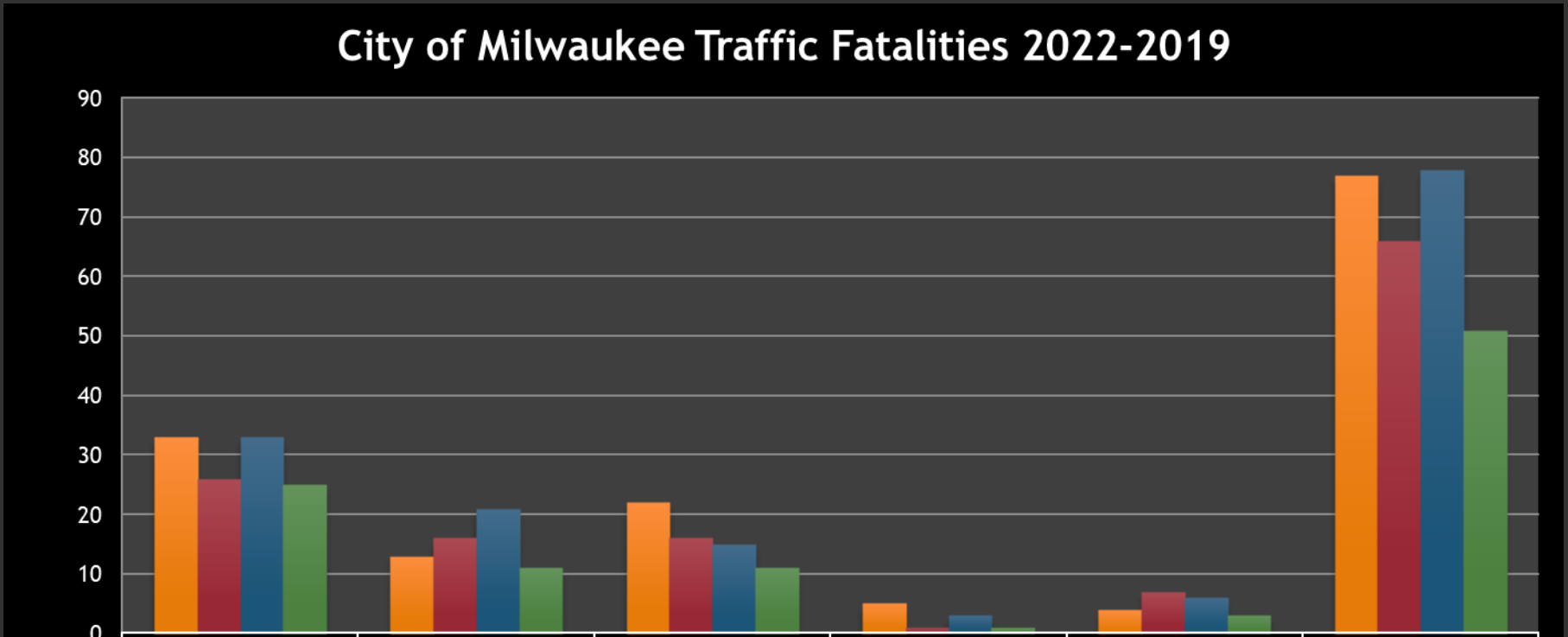
CITY OF MILWAUKEE TRAFFIC FATALITIES 2022-2019



	Driver	Passenger	Pedestrian	Bicyclist	Motorcyclist	Total
2022	33	13	22	5	4	77
2021	26	16	16	1	7	66
2020	33	21	15	3	6	78
2019	25	11	11	1	3	51

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TRAFFIC SLOW DOWN SIGN CAMPAIGN IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

SLOW DOWN SIGNS

400 Traffic Slow Down Signs Distributed to Milwaukee Residents

3 Partners: Milwaukee Police Department, City of Milwaukee Alderpersons, & Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission

S.60th & W. STACK

N. 18th & W. CONGRESS

TRAFFIC SLOW DOWN SIGN CAMPAIGN

S. 6th & W. Lincoln Ave.

S. 27th & W. Lincoln Ave.

W. Fond Du Lac & W. Hampton Avenue

SAFE TEEN DRIVING CAMPAIGN

- ✓ Promote and empower Teens to make good decisions on every ride- whether driving or as passengers.
- ✓ National High School Contest: Video (30 sec.) or Graphic Design (poster, infographic, or brochure)
- ✓ **Dates of Contest: Oct. 17, 2022 through April 27th, 2023.**
- ✓ **Worked with: Children's WI Teen Driving Campaign, and** Milwaukee Fitzsimonds Boys & Girls Clubs.
- ✓ CreateRealImpact@ImpactTeenDrivers.org

JULY 19, 2023 CLEANUP EVENT WITH FITZSIMONDS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WITH KEEP GREATER MILWAUKEE BEAUTIFUL

- 3 Partners
  - Fitzsimonds Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee
  - Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful
  - Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission
- 50 Youth Participated

July 19, 2023 CLEANUP EVENT WITH FITZSIMONDS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR DRUGS AND MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

- SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS: COMMISSIONER RANDY JONES AND COMMISSIONER DARNELLE BOWLES
- SUBCOMMITTEE: COMMISSIONER ANA VELOZ, and COMMISSIONER NICHOLAS ROESLER
  - GOAL:

    Reduce the demand for drugs and improve and empower good mental health by connecting families to resources and information of ongoing treatment services for Milwaukee Residents to seek supportive treatment resources and to maintain good health.

NARCAN AND FENTANYL TEST STRIPS TRAINING APRIL 22, 2023

Narcan and Fentanyl Test Strip Training Flyer

Presenter: Alexandra Henn, Public Health Strategist, Milwaukee Health Department

Nasal Narcan Kits & Fentanyl Test Strips Given to Workshop Attendees

REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR DRUGS & MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

5 Mental Health Free Workshops presented throughout the City of Milwaukee in 2023.

4 Partners: Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission, Invisible Reality Ministries, Greater Little Hill Church and The Charles E. Kubly Foundation Staying on Track Inc.

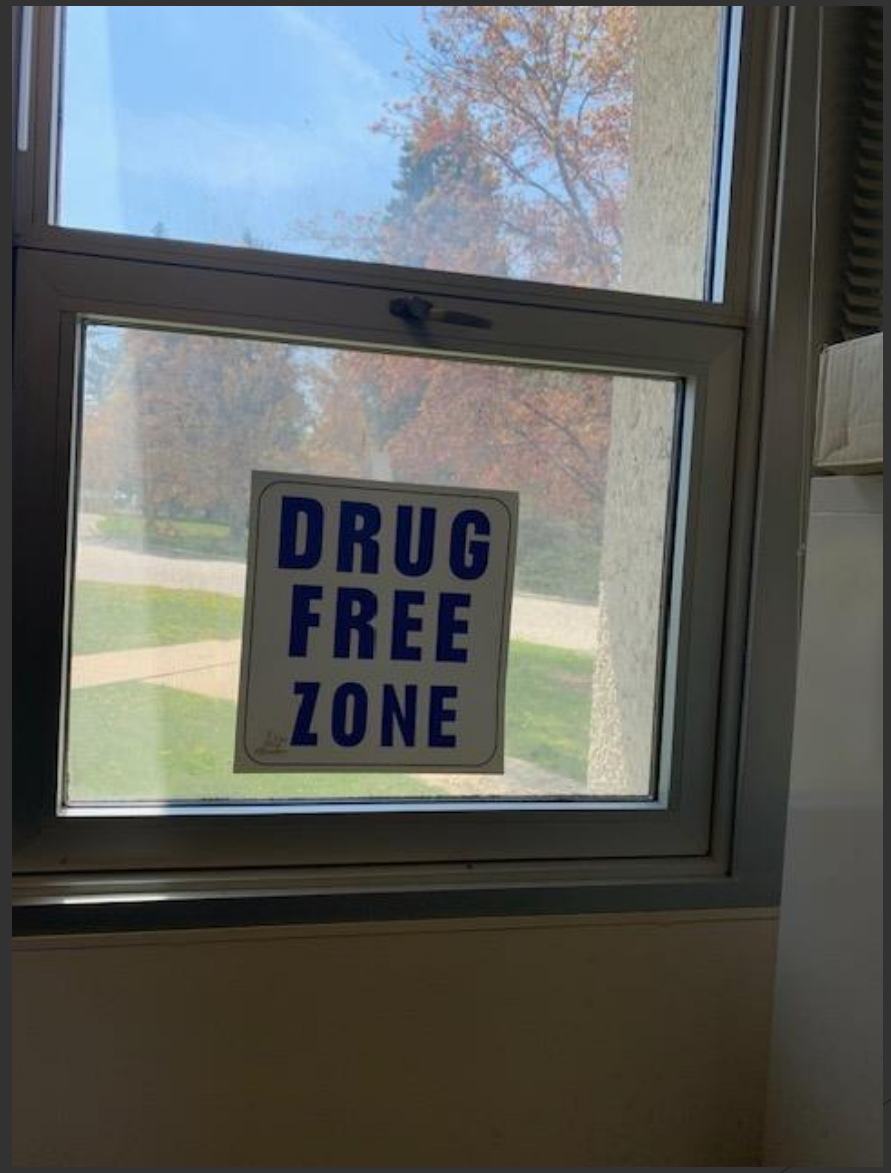
250 Milwaukee Residents attended and received information, resources, and referrals to Milwaukee City and County services.

Mental Health Workshop at Invisible Reality Ministries

- Empowering Mental Health
- Get the Facts on Mental Health
- Where are Resources for Family Members and Friends

300 DRUG FREE ZONE SIGNS Distributed

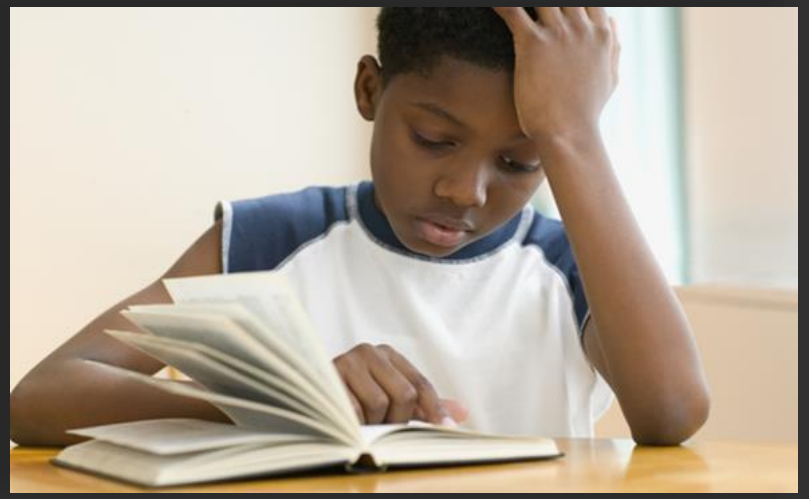
Milwaukee Residents place the signs in their windows as a deterrent for Individuals pulling up in front of their homes in their vehicles and doing illegal drug transactions.



EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Commissioner Byron Marshall Jr., Commissioner Solana Patterson-Ramos and Former Commissioner Debra Fields

- **2000** Pencils Provided to Milwaukee Public Schools for 2022 & 2023 Back to School Events
- **30 Youth** involved in the Tutoring and Mentoring Library program



Goals:

- Improve Student Scholastic Achievement
- Improve Parent Engagement
- Promote School Attendance & Increase the High School Graduation Rate.

MILWAUKEE SAFETY AND CIVIC COMMISSION

Chair Commissioner Byron Marshall, Jr.

ALDERMANIC SAFETY AND CIVIC COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

FIRST ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Commissioner Darnelle Bowles

SECOND ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Commissioner Marlow Davis

THIRD ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Commissioner Angela Lang

FOURTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Vacant

FIFTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Commissioner Nicholas Roesler

SIXTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Commissioner Solana Patterson-Ramos

SEVENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Commissioner Randy Jones

EIGHTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Vacant

NINTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Vacant

TENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Commissioner Vi Hawkins

ELEVENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Commissioner Lee Whiting

TWELFTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Vacant

THIRTEENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Vacant

FOURTEENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Commissioner Ana Veloz

FIFTEENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT
Commissioner Dr. Kenneth Harris Jr.

MAYORAL SAFETY AND CIVIC COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Byron Marshall, Jr.
Former Commissioner Amanda Avalos
Former Commissioner Debra Fields