Policy Contrast

The work coming out of this White House is an affront to what we’re trying to accomplish in Minneapolis and the very values that inform the work we’re doing.

Housing

- Nationwide, there are only 30 units of housing affordable available for every 100 extremely low-income Americans. And while Federal rental assistance is highly effective at helping vulnerable families, rental assistance programs are deeply underfunded and the Trump Administration has actually tried to cut further, proposing a $9.6 billion (18%) cut for 2020.

- Here in Minneapolis, we’re taking our commitment to affordable housing to new heights and investing record amounts.
  - 2019 – 2020 budget (subsidy)
  - 2040 (supply)

Climate

- This Administration has chosen to ignore science, promote drilling on public land, bully states like California into abandoning clean air policies, withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord, and even sit back and watch as the lungs of the Earth burn.

- In Minneapolis, we’re stepping up with aggressive and progressive climate policy. We’re on a path to 100 percent renewable electricity for municipal buildings by 2022 and 100 percent city-wide by 2030. We’re moving forward with multi-modal transit and reducing our carbon footprint.

Criminal Justice

- The Trump administration has approached just about every issue – from immigration to LGBTQ rights – from a punitive lens. The spikes on the wall and gators in the moat thing is yes, well-tread, but also deeply inhumane and indicative of how this president views his job.

- Minneapolis is a city of second chances and of compassion. We’re doing groundbreaking work on everything from becoming the first police department in the country to outright ban warrior training to reforming cash bail and building new partnerships across the Twin Cities to provide more representation in housing court.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Housing

- $40 million for affordable housing in the 2019 budget — triple the previous record
- Kickstarted Stable Homes, Stable Schools, a pilot program to provide housing to MPS students and their families experiencing homelessness
  - 341 kids in the program
- Launched More Representation Minneapolis, a collaboration with non-profits, law firms, and the City of Minneapolis to provide tenants facing eviction with pro-bono legal representation in housing court
- Implemented new, cost-effective 4d program to preserve existing affordable housing
- Taken abusive landlords to court to protect vulnerable tenants

Immigration

- Installed “Know-Your-ICE-Rights” signs in MPD squad cars to protect our undocumented immigrant community from draconian deportation practices
- Funded immigrant legal defense

Climate Change

- Minneapolis won the American Cities Climate Challenge for our work to combat climate change
- Created infrastructure to support cleaner and more affordable transit (bus-only lanes, mobility hubs)
- Created an award winning Green Business Cost Share program that charges polluters for how much they emit and uses those funds to support businesses trying to go green.
- Energy efficient affordable housing (4d program)

Police Reform

- Strengthened our police department’s body camera policy with enforcement measures
  - (55% when we took office 95% today)
- Banned warrior-training that teaches our police officers to view the community as a constant threat
- Passed new reforms to the MPD sexual assault investigations policy