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Almost four years ago, every measure of City health was heading in the wrong direction. We had to take decisive action in terms of leadership, and we did. Today, the numbers point in a ***better*** ***direction***, and you can see it: a cleaner city, a safer city, a city with hope and promise.

Still, the real concern is public safety. Career criminals cannot have free run of our streets, and neighborhoods and police must work block by block with the people who know where the risks are. As promised, we are solving both serious and small crimes faster while delivering ***record*** officer hiring, pay, benefits, equipment, and resources. Every ***promise*** made, ***kept***.

Social media is hard on Alexandria, often repeating false claims that go unchallenged. Some say people should live elsewhere. I don't. This is my City—with beauty, strong innovative people, personality, and Faith.

My family and I live here, in District One (by the numbers, the least safe overall area of the City), and we are unafraid. We know Alexandria has real public-safety challenges, but we also know there is a beautiful life here worth defending. So how can that be? Because we are safe from random acts of violence, but we are not strangers to the effects of crime. That is why we keep working—daily, together—with Chief Gremillion helming a strong department and my administration removing obstacles and providing resources to him without resistance. You know what, Chad Gremillion and I are a good team. When I returned in 2023, the picture had changed dramatically. By mid-previous administration, 2021, Alexandria rocketed to 34 homicides. In 2025, there were 12—that's a 64% decline (75% annualized change through May 2026). Critically, shootings are down by 47% from 2023 through 2025, and property crime is down 46% Q4-2022 through Q1-2026. This is the ***right*** ***direction***.

But better statistics are no comfort to victims, families, and neighborhoods still carrying the weight of violence. Street justice destroys families, especially robs our community of young men, and shapes how the world sees Alexandria, driving terrible and cyclical outcomes for families. Violence anywhere touches us all. We are called to do better—to stem violence everywhere when it occurs anywhere. It may not be "at your door," but it affects how the world sees us, talks about us, and "rates" us.

In some ways, Alexandria has two views of itself and its relationship to law and order. Alexandrians want the same basic things: safety, good schools, and a fair chance at economic success. But too many still live under the code of the street. That must change.

This is not time to celebrate; it is time to come together around a plan that is working. We turned around a period of failure, and now we must drive crime down even further. That means tracking serious repeat offenders through the system, holding every layer accountable, and engaging neighborhoods block by block as one family with law enforcement. Let's *double* down on what we already did. That would put us at the top of the good lists.

The reasons to support me are straightforward. I spend my time trying to ***unite*** our City; I am ***ready*** and know what to do; and I am ***proven***. Public safety comes first, but city systems must work together—from utilities and basic services to economic development and neighborhood renewal. Alexandria is better off now, and we cannot turn back. We must also take back our story from those who constantly down our City and our quality of life. We are not there yet, not in the red zone, but we are across the fifty *driving*. Don't turn back to the wrong direction; don't throw an interception. Support me, our community, and our plans for another term not to celebrate what we have done, but to finish what we started: target the people driving and allowing violence to occur, restore troubled neighborhoods with opportunity as you saw with SPARC and now REIGNITE, capture new value-adding economic development prospects, and continue to support business growth.

Not quite four years ago, Alexandria faced an existential crisis—both in public safety and our utility. I'm Jacques Roy, and I am your mayor. I do this for every family, including my own. I ask for your support so we can keep this ***momentum***, finish the work, and move forward—***together***, ***ready***, ***proven***.