



## **Cuyahoga 2030: Rebirth of a County**

### **Responsible, Honest & Competent County Government**

- Reduce the bureaucracy by 800 positions over four years through attrition and a voluntary buy-out to create a new \$120 million fund for community investments and economic development projects
- Hold the line on administrative budget costs and commit to no tax increases in the first four years
- Eliminate exorbitant administrative salaries and excessive fringe benefits (including county vehicles for almost all administrative personnel, including the County Executive)
- Implement best practices through a modern day “Brains Trust” team to review and reform every process, policy, and procedure of Cuyahoga County government to contain costs and generate more resources for community investments and economic development projects
- Hire the best we can find, not just people with cozy political relationships

### **Housing and Social Services:**

- “10,000 Homes for Cuyahoga County Initiative”: New \$100 million Cuyahoga County grant and loan fund to support acquisition, construction, and renovation of 10,000 homes by private citizens
- Top to bottom review of all social services expenditures and increased opportunities for social services delivery through neighborhood-based and non-profit organizations
- Prioritize behavioral health parity

### **Workforce, Economic Development & Inclusion**

- Workforce: Train for market demand; prioritize skills over degrees; leverage Cuyahoga Community College and Cleveland State University
- Economic Development
  - Strategic Macro Projects: “Retain, expand, and attract” major job creating projects, especially in inner city Cleveland to counteract five decades of urban disinvestment
  - Community-Based Economic Development: Develop innovative micro-grants and loans program to encourage neighborhood-based small and home-based businesses to form and grow
- Inclusion: County government has an obligation and opportunity to support disadvantaged businesses
  - Eliminate “best efforts requirements” for MBE participation: majority contractors pursuing county-funded work MUST have MBE partners: No MBE partners, no county contracts
  - Increase minimum MBE participation: Starting in 2023, all county solicitations will require at least 10% minority business participation, where feasible 25%, and in some cases be offered exclusively to minority businesses
  - Increased mentoring between majority and minority businesses and between large and small minority businesses

### **Criminal Justice Reform**

- Formation of a Blue Ribbon Panel for Criminal Justice Reform to review alternatives to jail incarceration, bail reform, expedited arraignments & speedy trials, and alternative sentencing
- Oppose new \$400 million jail: more jail cells means more people in jail, which should not be the goal
- Focus on and fund re-entry services and legal expungement:
  - Expand programs like EDWINS Leadership Institute to provide ex-offenders meaningful job training opportunities that will lead to good paying jobs and reduce recidivism
  - Create a dedicated county Expungement Court to expedite legal rehabilitation for ex-offenders