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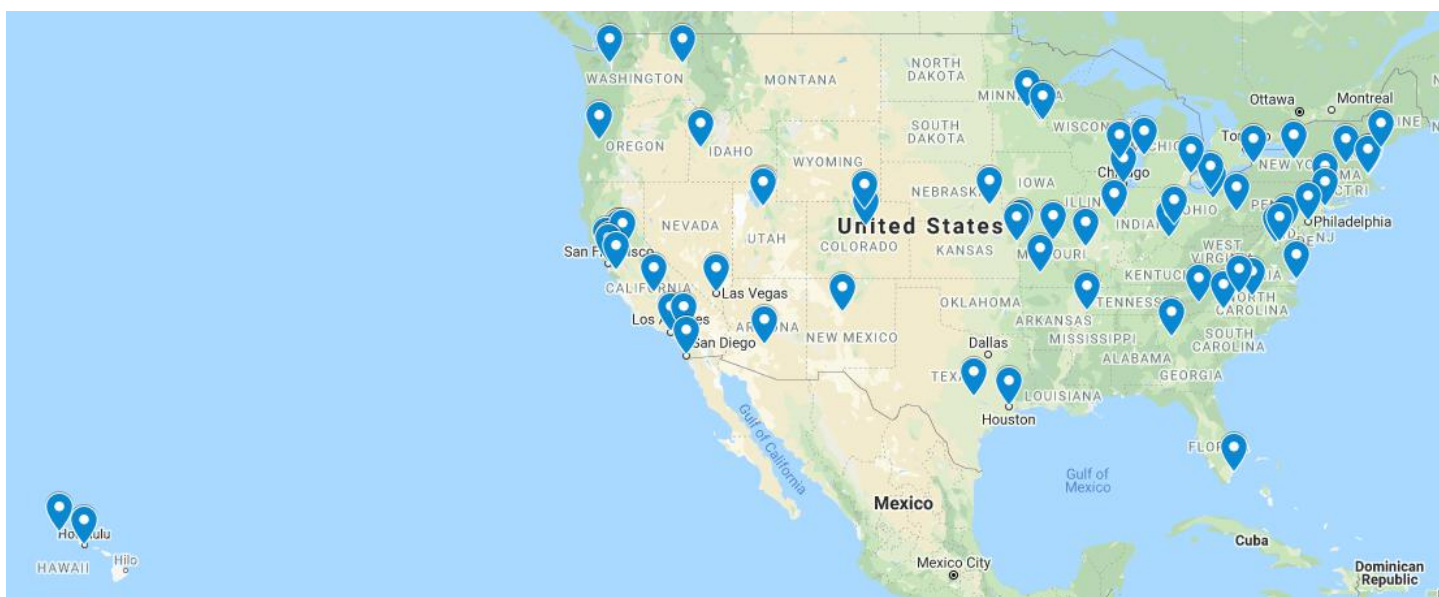
POLICE SUPPORT VOTER GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

As 2020 has unfolded, the direction of our country has shifted and our election focus has changed so we've updated our voter guide to reflect that. Some may think that the "biggest" elections- especially federal- mean the most for the country. That is true to an extent, but some local elections and ballot measures are just as important as the presidential election. Our top leadership here at the American Police Officers Alliance came together to create this voter guide to help you make informed decisions on the issues that really matter as you cast your vote in local, state, and federal elections.

FOCUS ON ISSUES



1. Oversight Boards

In the past few months the issue of civilian oversight has become a hot topic. **Seven ballot measures have popped up across the nation.** In many of the cities that these boards are being voted on, they will either create new oversight boards or increase the power of the current oversight boards.

Police oversight boards affect our nation's law enforcement, especially when run by people with an anti-police agenda. Police oversight boards have very few requirements or standards on who may serve on them. **There are no checks and balances in place to ensure board members are unbiased against officers.** This opens the door for extremists and activists to infiltrate these boards and manipulate law enforcement activity. With these times these extremists are trying to create more oversight boards or increase the power that they do have.

Measures intended to seemingly protect both officers and the public oftentimes lead to a dearth of paperwork and reporting that removes officers from the street and prevents them from doing their job. This kind of bureaucracy costs taxpayers millions of dollars each year; money better spent addressing pressing police issues like hiring shortages. To help educate people about the biases of these police oversight boards we created policeoversightboardfacts.com.

2. Defunding Police

The moment to defund the police has been gaining steam the past few months as well. **So far thirteen cities across the country have voted to defund their police.** This is a very dangerous path to go down. By going down this path you put police departments in a very difficult position. They will be forced to make hard budget cuts. Depending on the size of the cuts, departments might have to cut essential services. Some large departments might be able to survive these cuts. **Other departments will have to cut the number of officers that they have.** The end result of cutting officers from the department is that crime in these cities will rise. With rising crime people who can move will move and those who cant will be forced to live in a very dangerous city.



3. Gun Laws and Red Flag Legislation

When gun control activists attack our Second Amendment rights, it leaves police officers, and the American public at risk. **The legislative attempts to ban AR-type "assault rifles",** amount to nothing less than an illegal gun seizure and confiscation. The enforcement of such laws puts police officers and sheriffs in the dangerous position of being forced to take guns out of the hands of law-abiding citizens.

For this fall election we must take our right to self defense much more seriously. With the recent violence and lack of support for law enforcement people have resorted to defending themselves. It is only a matter of time before leftist leaders start going after guns to prevent people from protecting themselves.



As voters, we must take a stand against these second amendment infringements. Not only to protect the lives of average american citizens, but the lives of our law enforcement officers as well. Peaceful demonstrations like the one in January 2020 in Virginia prove that responsible gun ownership is an inalienable right of all Americans.