

# 2022

## POLICE SUPPORT VOTER GUIDE



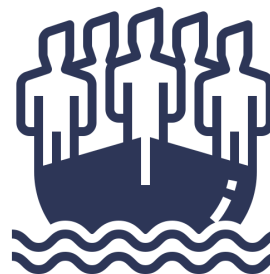
## INTRODUCTION

With 2022 upon us, our country has a series of important upcoming elections that will decide the direction of our country. Some may think that the “biggest” elections mean the most for the country. That is true to an extent, but some local elections and ballot measures are just as important. 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.

## ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

The policies put in place by the Trump administration confronted the illegal immigration crisis and began to bring the infiltration of our southern border under control. More than a year since the start of the Biden Administration, this has all changed. In fact, illegal immigration at our southern border may be the worst it has ever been.

**Figures from the US Customs and Border Protection** are startling. In January, the agency reported that in 2021 “more than 2 million unauthorized migrants came across the Mexican border in the calendar year and were apprehended or turned themselves in - in addition to those not stopped or detected.”



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Not only are millions pouring into the country, but the federal government has also drastically cut the number of illegal immigrants being removed from the country. “Preliminary numbers released by ICE reveal that removals fell more than 70 percent in FY 2021,” **reports the Center for Immigration Studies.**

The unmitigated invasion occurring on our borders with Mexico are a direct threat to American communities and law enforcement. **We must elect candidates who will commit to holding the Biden Administration accountable for their failure in protecting American sovereignty.**



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## REFUND THE POLICE

The Defund the Police movement has been one of the single biggest policy failures of the Democratic Party over the past two years, costing the lives of countless police officers and civilians endangered by its absurd ideology.

**FBI statistics show** that murders in the United States rose 30% at the height of the BLM/Defund Movement in 2020, and rose an additional 5% in two dozen major cities in 2021. In an op-ed for *Fox News*, Buck Sexton, political commentator and former CIA analyst notes, “police suffered more casualties nationwide - 73 killed in the line of duty in 2021- than they have in almost three decades. Last month, 30 police officers were shot- seven so far this year in NYC alone.”



Now, the tides have turned, and with the threat of the American public holding Democrats accountable for their dangerous policies, Democrats have begun to back-peddle on its radical positions on law enforcement. **NBC News notes** that only 46% of Americans support President Biden's handling of crime and **polls show that 56% of voters** believe Republicans would do a better job on the issue.

Ever the political opportunist, **House Speaker Nancy Pelosi now declares** the Defund movement "dead" and "not the position of the Democratic Party."

With the momentum shifting, it is critical to support candidates who will make sure police departments are refunded and to hold accountable the ones who supported the dangerous Defund agenda in the first place.



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## POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARDS



Now that the Democratic Party has failed to achieve the Leftist police reform ambitions at the federal level, the Left will surely move their aim to the local level in their efforts to "re-imagine policing."

For this reason, police oversight boards will become key battlegrounds in ensuring that police can conduct their work properly.

At their worst, police oversight boards are political weapons used to investigate and obstruct police at the community level. In Willimantic, Ct, for instance, the local Civilian Review Board Study Committee voted to establish a civilian review board to investigate complaints levied against the police department.

But the Willimantic Police Chief, Paul Hussey, **found that** one study committee member who recommended the new oversight board claimed on social media that, "Willimantic police officers shoot African Americans for no reason."

Racial grievances are one of the primary tools used by the Left in justifying their radical anti-police policies and the above example highlights the potential subversion of police departments by political actors. We must stay vigilant against activist oversight boards and make sure that their work is conducted impartially so that police may do their jobs.

## VOTING RESOURCES

**How, Where, and When to Vote?** **Find voter registration options in your state.**

**Find upcoming elections.** **Visit your state's election office website for state-wide voting guidance.**