

Gov.-elect Evers and Lt. Gov.-elect Barnes: Announce Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Policy Advisory Council

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MADISON – Today, Governor-elect Tony Evers and Lt. Governor-elect Mandela Barnes announced their Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Policy Advisory Council, bringing together people from all sides of the criminal justice system to work with the transition team on exploring solutions for reforming Wisconsin's criminal justice system.

“We have to start prioritizing people, not prisons,” said Evers. “In Wisconsin, African Americans are ten times more likely to be imprisoned than white people, and we spend more on corrections than on our entire UW System. Red states like Texas have passed comprehensive criminal justice reform, and I know Republicans and Democrats can work together to get it done here in Wisconsin.

“That’s why I’m proud of our Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Policy Advisory Council that brings together people from all sides of the criminal justice system to work toward a solution that works for us,” Evers concluded.

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Policy Advisory Council includes:

Denita Ball, Milwaukee County Chief Deputy Sheriff

Michelle Bryant, Courier Communications

Louis Butler, Former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice; DeWitt Ross & Stevens

Sean Daley, AFSCME Council 32

Walter Dickey, University of Wisconsin Law School; Former Department of Corrections Secretary

Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Wisconsin Counties Association

Matt Frank, Murphy Desmond; Former Wisconsin Department of Corrections Secretary; Former Assistant Attorney General

Sarah Ferber, Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing (EXPO); WISDOM

Janine Geske, Former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice

Kit Kerschensteiner, Disability Rights Wisconsin

Gary King, Eau Claire County District Attorney

Vince Kurta, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Angela Lang, Black Leaders Organizing for Communities

Edgar Lin, Lowenberg & Lin; Formerly of the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office

David Liners, WISDOM

Dave Mahoney, Dane County Sheriff

John Manydeeds, Eau Claire County Circuit Court Judge

Craig Mastantuono, Mastantuono & Coffee; Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association

Louis Molepske, Portage County District Attorney

The Honorable Derek Mosley, Milwaukee Municipal Judge

Ali Muldrow, GSAFE

Jim Palmer, Wisconsin Professional Police Association

Rick Raemisch, Former Wisconsin Department of Corrections Secretary; Colorado Department of Corrections Executive Director; Former Dane County Sheriff

Jonathan Scharrer, Restorative Justice Project, University of Wisconsin Law School

The Honorable James Schlender, Jr., Lac Courte Oreille Tribal Court; Sawyer County Court Commission and Board of Supervisors

Tammy Sternard, Door County Sheriff

Dean Strang, Strang Bradley

Kelli Thompson, Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office

The Honorable Mary Triggiano, Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge

The Honorable Donald Zuidmulder, Brown County Circuit Court Judge; Former Brown County District Attorney

For additional information about Governor-elect Evers, Lt. Governor-elect Barnes, and the transition team, please visit evers.wi.gov.