Problem and Solution-Focused.

A sharp focus on identifying problems and proposing solutions is necessary to combat the recent rise in violent crime. We should consider issues related to narrative, terminology, and messaging, but the emphasis will be on providing immediate assistance to those in the field facing difficult decisions today.

Evidence and Information.

Evidence is critical to better understanding the complex challenge posed by violent crime, as well as potential solutions. Nevertheless, we acknowledge that the current body of evidence is limited and therefore innovation must be encouraged to further develop and expand knowledge in this area.

Community-Engaged.

Public safety is the combined efforts of citizens, organizations, and government. Law enforcement cannot maintain order on its own. We recognize the importance of engaging with impacted communities generally, but particularly with those individuals who are most frequently and directly exposed to crime and violence.

Humanity-Centered.

It is essential to reaffirm the humanity of all those impacted by crime and violence, as sustainably maintaining peace and order requires acknowledging difficult truths, building trust, and promoting reconciliation. Every life; no matter status, race, sexuality, or whatever label you may apply to one person, is equal. Recognizing that past policies addressing violent crime significantly and disproportionately harmed many in the city's most disadvantaged communities, we will approach their work humbly, being mindful of the human impacts of all proposed policies in order to minimize harm.

In the future, we will investigate specific problems and potential solutions, including but not limited to the following:

- Working with small businesses to help them with cameras, security systems, and safety precautions for their staff and customers.
- Reviewing non-enforcement, community-based strategies for reducing street crime, including cognitive behavioral therapy, targeted street outreach, and focused deterrence.
- Assessing law enforcement anti-crime approaches, including proactive and community policing as well as efforts to improve homicide clearance rates.
- Exploring the evolving nature of violent crime, with a special emphasis on the role of social media.
- Building a stronger anti-violence infrastructure capable of coordinating and implementing multiple strategies simultaneously.
- Working together to reduce and reuse vacant structures and derelict buildings in our communities.