

Predictable taxes and honest budgets

I will publish a clear budget showing what residents pay, what services they receive and what maintenance is being deferred. Property taxes already exist; the task is to make the whole bill fair, predictable and useful.

WHAT I WILL BRING FORWARD

- Set rolling two-year tax and fee targets supported by service and asset plans. Explain departures publicly at each annual budget decision.
- Compare large cities using total household charges and comparable services, not mill rates alone. Show effects on renters, homeowners, small businesses and people with low incomes.
- Review major contracts, grants, leases, consulting, procurement and underused property in order of cost and risk. Protect independent audit and frontline service capacity.
- Bring an ability-to-pay relief design for selected administrative fines and fees, with simple verification, payment plans and review. Keep meaningful consequences for dangerous conduct.

Delivery. Publish one consolidated platform ledger within 100 days: incremental operating costs, capital, staffing, land contributions, partner funding, contingencies and funding gaps. Council must authorize spending and annual budgets.

Public measures. Report total household charges, service reliability, overdue maintenance, verified recurring savings and net program costs.

Conditions. No promise of near-zero property taxes, a cost-free platform, guaranteed savings from AI, or spending the same vacancy-tax dollar twice. Recovered funds count only when collected; avoided social costs are not City cash.

Connects to: 07, 08, 14, 25

Evidence notes: S01 in the full policy package.