

Financial crime and public integrity

Complex financial wrongdoing deserves serious investigative capacity. I will ask the Police Board for a costed specialist proposal focused on documented harm and recoverable evidence.

WHAT I WILL BRING FORWARD

- Request five economic-crime investigators, five pharmaceutical and drug-company investigators, and five property and land-ownership investigators, subject to a Board workload and recruitment plan.
- Include tax-fraud liaison, procurement and contract fraud, construction fraud, wage theft, benefits and grant fraud, cyber scams and elder financial exploitation in the assessment.
- Create lawful referral protocols with tax authorities, regulators, land-title bodies and other police forces. Pharmaceutical scrutiny must distinguish marketing, billing, inducements and criminal offences.
- Strengthen independent municipal audit and whistleblower intake. Seek cooperation on transit spending through the responsible regional bodies.

Delivery. The initial ask is 15 specialist positions plus separately costed support, forensic accounting and tax liaison. A planning assumption of \$180,000–\$240,000 per position gives \$2.7–\$3.6 million annually before those extras; it is not a salary quote or approved budget.

Public measures. Report staffing, investigations by broad category, referral quality, duration and recovered funds lawfully available for reporting. Do not set prosecution quotas.

Conditions. A mayor cannot order charges, target political opponents or direct a case against City Hall. Conflicts require independent referral. No promise that recoveries will repay the program or return to the City.

Connects to: 09, 10, 12, 25

Evidence notes: S06, S01 in the full policy package.