

# The Aaron Hanson for Sheriff Plan

SAFE FAMILIES.

SAFE COMMUNITIES.

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## **Keep Our Families Safe from High-Risk Offenders**

A small fraction of individuals in our community commit the majority of local crimes. Many of those repeat and high-risk criminals are on various types of court or county supervision such as Pretrial Release, Probation and Juvenile Probation. My plan is to create a specially trained working group of Deputy Investigators, each focused on a category of court supervised individuals and ready to proactively investigate and offer specialized assistance to Judges, unarmed Probation Officers and the offenders themselves. I will dedicate deputies to finding absconded juvenile offenders and create an investigative group to offer specialized investigative and reentry assistance to local judges in order to assist with the supervision of high-risk offenders. This will both make our community safer and improve rehabilitation.



## **Attracting and Retaining the Best Sheriff Deputies**

Until just recently, Douglas County Sheriff's Deputies were among the lowest paid Omaha Metro Area law enforcement officers. This made it extremely difficult to recruit and retain quality, diverse candidates from within and outside of Nebraska. I will ensure DCSO Deputies are paid a fair and competitive wage as well as advocate for efficient lateral transfer processes in order to attract more Deputies. This will translate to a professional workforce, enhanced service to the public and greater safety.



## **Enhanced Emphasis on Mental Health**

The Omaha Police Department currently carries an inordinate amount of the burden of proactively dealing with the mental health challenges within our community. The DCSO has a statutory relationship with the Board of Mental Health by enforcing their orders and therefore is a perfect fit in the effort to identify and reduce the dangers of unaddressed, escalating mental health conditions. I will assign a dedicated Deputy and pursue full-time civilian co-responders to collaborate directly with the OPD Behavior Health Unit. I will also encourage other Omaha Metro Area law enforcement agencies to commit dedicated personal to this effort to create an Omaha Metro Area Behavior Health Task Force.



## **Body Worn Cameras for Our Deputies**

Body Worn Cameras are a common tool in modern day professional policing. They protect officers and citizens alike. The fact that DCSO does not have a fully deployed body-worn camera program makes them an outlier and increases the risk of breach of trust. As Sheriff, I will pursue a variety of grant funding options with the goal of implementing a fully deployed body-worn camera program immediately.



## Protect Our Children and Stop Human Trafficking

Between November 2021 and the end of January 2022, nearly 100 juveniles—all age 18 and under—were reported as actively missing by the various agencies within Douglas County. The scourge of human traffickers who prey upon our juveniles is real, and they prey on our missing and runaway kids. Utilizing my experience working alongside U.S. Marshals, I will pursue private grant funding to assign and equip a specialized Deputy Investigator to utilize modern investigative techniques to locate our missing juveniles and bring them home.



## Focus on Effective Community Policing and Better Outcomes

As Sheriff, I will strengthen the trust and communication between citizens and law enforcement by focusing on true problem solving efforts to address the reasons for crime, such as helping challenged people to live a more productive, healthy lifestyle and connect with a real career. I will focus on true collaboration to break cycles of poverty. This will promote stronger families, lower taxes, and make our community safer today and tomorrow.



## Back the Blue

Douglas County's Law Enforcement professionals risk life and limb to protect our families. I will stand behind our hardworking law enforcement officers and stop any effort to defund the police, eliminate School Recourse Officers or reduce law enforcement presence in neighborhoods. DCSO's patrol presence must grow and response time must improve proportionate to the growth of unincorporated Douglas County.



## Protect the 2nd Amendment

I will strongly support law abiding citizens' right to own, bear, and legally possess firearms as granted in the U.S. Constitution.



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## About Aaron Hanson

- ★ Veteran law enforcement officer with 25 years of service with the Omaha Police Department.
- ★ Since 1996 he has worked as a uniform patrol officer, K-9 officer, Gang Unit sergeant, and currently serves as the Fugitive Unit supervisor.
- ★ Serves as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Center for Workforce Development, a non-profit organization focused on creating opportunities for Omaha's youth to gain exposure to careers in the trades.
- ★ Previously served as the President of the Omaha Police Officers Association and during his term worked to reform the pension plan to stop pension spiking.

## Trusted and Supported by

- ★ Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #2 - Douglas County Sheriff Deputies
- ★ Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #8 - Douglas County Corrections Officers
- ★ Omaha Federation of Labor
- ★ Governor Pete Ricketts
- ★ Governor Dave Heineman
- ★ Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert
- ★ Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine
- ★ Omaha City Councilwoman Aimee Melton
- ★ Omaha City Councilman Brinker Harding
- ★ Omaha City Councilman Don Rowe
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