

Campaign One-Pager: A Budget for People, Not Politics

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DAVE BIGGERS FOR MAYOR

A Budget for People, Not Politics

Total Budget: \$1.2 billion

(Same as Louisville Metro's current approved budget)

The Difference: Not how much we spend. HOW we spend it.

THE 30-SECOND PITCH

Old way: Traditional policing after crime happens.

Our way: Police IN neighborhoods, prevention BEFORE crime starts.

Old way: Modest raises, bloated bureaucracy.

Our way: Real raises (24% compounded), lean administration.

Old way: Top-down decisions.

Our way: YOU help decide neighborhood priorities.

Same total cost. Revolutionary results.

FOUR BIG TRANSFORMATIONS

???? SAFER COMMUNITIES THROUGH PREVENTION

Public Safety: \$395.2 Million

63 MINI POLICE SUBSTATIONS – One in your neighborhood

- Officers walking YOUR streets, not just driving through
- 24/7 presence in every zip code
- Community meeting spaces
- Build trust, prevent crime before it happens
- **Rolling 4-year deployment** – 12 stations Year 1, all 63 by Year 4
- **Evidence:** 50+ cities show 20-30% crime reduction

18 COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTERS – Real healthcare in your neighborhood

- Primary care, mental health, addiction treatment – all in one place
- Stop sending police to every mental health crisis
- Address the ROOT CAUSES of crime and disorder
- **Phased over 3 years** – 6 centers per year
- **Cost:** \$45M fully implemented
- **Saves:** \$80M in reduced ER visits, better health outcomes

ENHANCED YOUTH PROGRAMS – \$55 Million

- After-school programs during peak crime hours (3-7pm)
- 3,000 summer jobs for teens
- Mentoring, life skills, gang intervention
- **Evidence:** Youth employment reduces crime by 35%

FIRE PREVENTION CENTERS – \$18 Million

- Teach safety BEFORE disasters strike
 - Free home inspections, smoke detector programs
 - Reduce fires by 40% (proven in other cities)
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???? BETTER PAY FOR BETTER SERVICE

Employee Compensation Investment: \$27.4 Million Year 1

Louisville Metro employees deserve competitive pay.

THE DIFFERENCE:

- **Current:** 5% raise for some employees
- **Our Plan:** 24% compounded raises (7%+5%+5%+5%) across all departments

WHERE IT GOES:

- Police officers: +\$8M (competitive with surrounding counties)
- Firefighters & EMS: +\$6M (retain experienced first responders)
- Public Works crews: +\$3M (fix potholes, maintain infrastructure)
- Parks & Library staff: +\$4.7M (better services for families)
- All other departments: +\$3.3M (across administration, planning, etc.)

WHY IT MATTERS:

- ✓ Attract top talent to serve Louisville
- ✓ Reduce turnover and training costs
- ✓ Better employee morale = better public service
- ✓ Competitive with private sector and surrounding communities

HOW WE PAY FOR IT:

- Cut bureaucracy and administrative waste: -\$14M
- Reduce support service costs: -\$11M
- Total freed up for employee compensation: \$27.4M Year 1

No new taxes. No deficit spending. Just valuing our people.

???? COMMUNITY INVESTMENT OVER BUREAUCRACY

Community Programs: \$210 Million

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM:

- Cut administration waste: -\$14M
- Reduce jail costs through bail reform: -\$36.5M

- Smarter service delivery: -\$76M in support services
- Eliminate bureaucratic duplication: -\$25M
- **Total redirected: ~\$150M to programs**

WHERE IT GOES:

- Youth programs and prevention: \$55M
- Community wellness centers: \$45M
- Enhanced parks and recreation: \$45M
- Library expansion: \$27.8M
- Violence prevention programs: \$15M

Same budget. Better priorities.

???? YOUR VOICE, YOUR PRIORITIES

Democratic Governance: \$15 Million

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

- YOU help decide how to spend money in your neighborhood
- Community meetings, democratic voting
- \$15M across all districts (roughly \$577K per district)
- **Evidence:** 3,000+ cities worldwide. Higher trust. Better outcomes.

TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

- Every dollar tracked online
 - Regular community reports
 - Open budget workshops
 - Real-time budget dashboard
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THE NUMBERS ADD UP

Category	Current Budget	Our Budget	Change
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TOTAL	**\$1.2B**	**\$1.2B**	**\$0**
Public Safety	\$379.7M	\$395.2M	+\$15.5M
Employee Pay (24% vs 5%)	**\$12M**	**\$27.4M Year 1**	**+\$15.4M**
Community Programs	\$150M scattered	\$210M focused	+\$60M
Democratic Governance	\$0	\$15M	+\$15M
Infrastructure	\$241M	\$241M	Same
Admin/Bureaucracy	\$120M	\$95M	-\$25M
Support Services	\$380M	\$315M	-\$65M

WHY THIS WORKS: THE EVIDENCE

Mini Police Substations:

- Chicago: 23% crime reduction in areas with substations
- Los Angeles: 30% increase in community trust
- Seattle: 40% faster response times
- **50+ cities nationwide** with proven results

Community Wellness Centers:

- San Antonio: \$80M saved in ER costs annually
- Denver: 35% reduction in police mental health calls
- Portland: 40% decrease in public intoxication arrests
- **Every \$1 invested saves \$5.60 in emergency services**

Youth Employment Programs:

- Philadelphia: 20-30% crime reduction among participants
- Chicago: 45% increase in high school graduation
- Boston: 50% reduction in teen arrests
- **Evidence from 100+ cities** over 30 years

Participatory Budgeting:

- New York City: 90% resident satisfaction
- Paris: 40% increase in civic engagement
- Chicago: Projects completed 20% faster
- **3,000+ cities worldwide** use this successfully

Competitive Employee Pay:

- Reduces turnover by 35-50%
 - Improves service quality ratings by 25%
 - Lowers training costs significantly
 - **Better pay = better talent = better services**
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HOW WE PAY FOR IT: THE MATH

Reallocate from Current Budget:

| Cut | Amount | Impact |

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| Administrative overhead | -\$14M | Streamline, consolidate |

| Support service contracts | -\$65M | Renegotiate, bring in-house |

| Jail costs (bail reform) | -\$36.5M | Reduce pre-trial detention |

| Position reassignments | -\$10M | Reallocate existing staff |

| Bureaucratic duplication | -\$25M | Eliminate redundancy |

| **Total Savings** | **-\$150M** | **No layoffs, smarter spending** |**Invest in Louisville:**

| Investment | Amount | Benefit |

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| Mini substations | +\$40M | Crime prevention |

| Wellness centers | +\$45M | Healthcare access |

| Employee raises | +\$27.4M Year 1 | Better service |

| Youth programs | +\$55M | Next generation |

| Democratic governance | +\$15M | Community voice |

| **Total New Investment** | **+\$182.4M** | **Better Louisville** |**Math works:** -\$150M cuts + other reallocations = +\$210M new investments

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- ☐ **Same total budget** as current approved budget (\$1.2 billion)
- ☐ **No new taxes** required
- ☐ **No deficit spending**

- ☐ **Maintains city reserves** at required levels
- ☐ **Honors all union contracts** (raises are additional)
- ☐ **No employee layoffs** – just reassignments and better pay
- ☐ **Phased implementation** – sustainable over 4 years

Every promise. Every program. Every dollar. Fully funded.

PHASED IMPLEMENTATION

Year 1 (2026):

- 12 mini substations operational
- 6 community wellness centers open
- First participatory budgeting cycle
- Employee raises implemented immediately
- Enhanced youth summer jobs program (3,000 teens)

Year 2 (2027):

- 24 total mini substations (12 more)
- 12 total wellness centers (6 more)
- Expand after-school programs citywide
- Second participatory budgeting cycle
- Continued employee pay improvements

Year 3 (2028):

- 36 total mini substations (12 more)
- 18 total wellness centers (6 more – COMPLETE)
- Fire prevention centers fully operational
- Third participatory budgeting cycle

Year 4 (2029):

- All 63 mini substations operational (27 more – COMPLETE)
- All programs at full implementation
- Fourth participatory budgeting cycle
- Measure and report outcomes

By 2029: Louisville leads the nation in community-focused governance.

REAL PEOPLE, REAL IMPACT

For Families:

- Police you know walking your block
- Healthcare when you need it, close to home
- Safe after-school programs for your kids
- Better-maintained parks and libraries

For Employees:

- Competitive pay (24% compounded raises)
- Better benefits
- More respect for public service
- Clear career advancement paths

For Neighborhoods:

- You decide local priorities
- Transparent budgets
- Responsive government
- Safer streets

For Louisville:

- Lower crime rates
- Better health outcomes
- Stronger communities

1. Brighter future

OUR VISION FOR LOUISVILLE

Same Total Budget. Completely Different Priorities.

Community-driven. Not top-down.

Preventive. Not reactive.

Efficient. Not bureaucratic.

24% compounded raises. Not 5%.

Neighborhood policing. Not distant precincts.

Your voice matters. Not just elected officials decide.

It's not about spending more. It's about spending smarter.

GET INVOLVED

Website: rundaverun.org

Email: info@rundaverun.org

Social: @davebiggers

Volunteer: We need you to knock doors, make calls, spread the word.

Donate: Every dollar helps us compete with big money politics.

Vote: Election Day 2026 – Let's transform Louisville together.

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Better Louisville. Better Future.

Version 3.0 | Updated October 2025 | www.rundaverun.org

Calculate Your Tax Impact

See how Dave's budget plan affects your family:

How Does Dave's Budget Affect You?

See your personalized impact - zero tax increase, real benefits

□ Household Income \$50,000

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□ Your ZIP Code

Your Personal Impact

How we calculate: Benefits based on average family savings from wellness center access (\$800/year), youth program value (after-school + summer jobs), and your specific mini substation timeline. All benefits come from the same \$1.2B budget - zero tax increase.

Share your results with friends and family:

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Make Your Voice Heard

Register to Vote

Make your voice heard! Register to vote and participate in our democracy.



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Important Deadlines

- **Registration Deadline:** Typically 30 days before election day
- **Early Voting:** Check your state's early voting schedule
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You can also call **1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)** for assistance finding your polling location.

Election Information

Everything you need to know to vote in KY.

What You Need to Bring

- Photo ID (driver's license, passport, state ID)
- Voter registration card (helpful but not required)
- Proof of residence (if first-time voter)

Voting Methods

- **In-Person Early Voting:** Vote at designated early voting locations before Election Day
- **Absentee/Mail-In Ballot:** Request a ballot to vote by mail
- **Election Day Voting:** Vote at your assigned polling location

Your Voting Rights

- You have the right to vote if you're in line when polls close
- You have the right to ask for help if you need it
- You have the right to a provisional ballot if there's a question about your eligibility
- You have the right to report problems to election protection hotlines



[More Voting Info](#)



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What This Means for YOUR Neighborhood

Every Louisville neighborhood is unique. Enter your ZIP code to see how this policy directly impacts your community:

Find Your Mini Substation

Enter your ZIP code to see when your neighborhood will receive a community police substation.

Find My Substation

63 ZIP code areas across Louisville will receive mini substations over 4 years.

Part of Dave Biggers' comprehensive public safety plan.

See the Budget Impact

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Compare This Policy

See how Dave's approach differs from current administration policies:

Policy Comparison: Real Change vs. Status Quo

See the clear differences between Dave Biggers' transformative vision for Louisville and the current mayor's approach. The choice is yours.

☐ Share This Comparison ☐ Print Comparison

☐ Public Safety ☐ Wellness ☐ Youth ☐ Economy ☐ Housing ☐ Transparency
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Public Safety & Policing

Current Mayor

Traditional policing model

Approach

- Centralized police response
- Reactive approach to crime
- Limited community engagement
- Focus on patrol units

Timeline Ongoing

Budget Status quo funding

Impact Response times: 15-20 minutes average

Dave Biggers

Community-based mini substations

Approach

- 63 mini substations across Louisville (4-year deployment)
- Officers living and working in communities they serve
- Preventative community policing model
- Year 1: 12 substations in highest-need areas

Timeline Year 1-4 phased rollout

Budget Revenue-neutral through property tax restructuring

Impact Response times: 3-5 minutes (neighborhood-based)

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Mental Health & Wellness

Current Mayor

Limited wellness infrastructure

Approach

- Reliance on existing healthcare facilities
- No dedicated community wellness centers
- Fragmented mental health services
- Emergency-room dependent model

Timeline No expansion planned

Budget Minimal dedicated funding

Impact Long wait times, limited access in underserved areas

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Regional wellness centers network

Approach

- 18 wellness centers across 6 regions
- Mental health counseling, addiction support
- Youth programs, family services

- 3 centers per region for accessibility

Timeline Year 1-4 phased rollout

Budget Integrated with public safety restructuring

Impact Accessible care within every neighborhood, preventative focus



Youth Development

Current Mayor

Standard recreation programs

Approach

- Traditional rec centers
- Limited after-school programming
- Seasonal sports leagues
- Minimal job training for youth

Timeline Status quo

Budget Existing recreation budget

Impact Serves fraction of Louisville youth

Dave Biggers

Comprehensive youth investment

Approach

- After-school programs at all substations
- Job training and mentorship
- Arts, sports, and STEM programs
- Youth advisory councils
- Summer employment pathways

Timeline Immediate implementation with substation rollout

Budget \$1,200 value per child annually

Impact Accessible programs in every neighborhood



Economic Development

Current Mayor

Corporate incentives focus

Approach

- Tax breaks for large corporations
- Downtown-centric development
- Limited support for small business
- Gentrification without displacement protection

Timeline Ongoing

Budget Millions in corporate subsidies

Impact Benefits concentrated in select areas

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Community wealth building

Approach

- Small business incubators at substations
- Local hiring requirements for city contracts
- Neighborhood-based economic zones
- Affordable housing protection
- Living wage standards

Timeline Immediate policy changes, 4-year infrastructure build

Budget Redirected from corporate subsidies

Impact Jobs and wealth stay in neighborhoods

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Housing & Affordability

Current Mayor

Market-driven housing

Approach

- Minimal affordable housing requirements
- Limited tenant protections
- Rising rents in many neighborhoods
- Displacement from development

Timeline No comprehensive plan
Budget Minimal housing trust fund
Impact Affordability crisis worsening

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Housing as a human right

Approach

- Expanded affordable housing trust fund
- Strong tenant protections
- Community land trusts
- Rent stabilization measures
- Anti-displacement policies for existing residents

Timeline Immediate policy changes
Budget Increased trust fund through property tax reform
Impact Protects residents, prevents displacement



Government Transparency

Current Mayor

Standard reporting

Approach

- Annual budget reports
- Limited real-time data
- Reactive public engagement
- Closed-door development deals

Timeline Status quo
Budget Minimal transparency infrastructure
Impact Limited public accountability

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Radical transparency

Approach

- Real-time budget dashboard

- Public data portal for all city metrics
- Community advisory boards with veto power
- Open contracting process
- Regular town halls in all neighborhoods

Timeline Immediate implementation

Budget Low-cost digital infrastructure

Impact Citizens empowered with information and decision-making power

The Choice is Clear

Louisville deserves transformative change, not more of the same. Join us in building a city that works for everyone.

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Name *

Email * We'll send you updates about the campaign

Zip Code 5-digit zip code (optional)

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Category Select a category... ▼

Your Name *

Your Email *

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Together, we make Louisville better for everyone.