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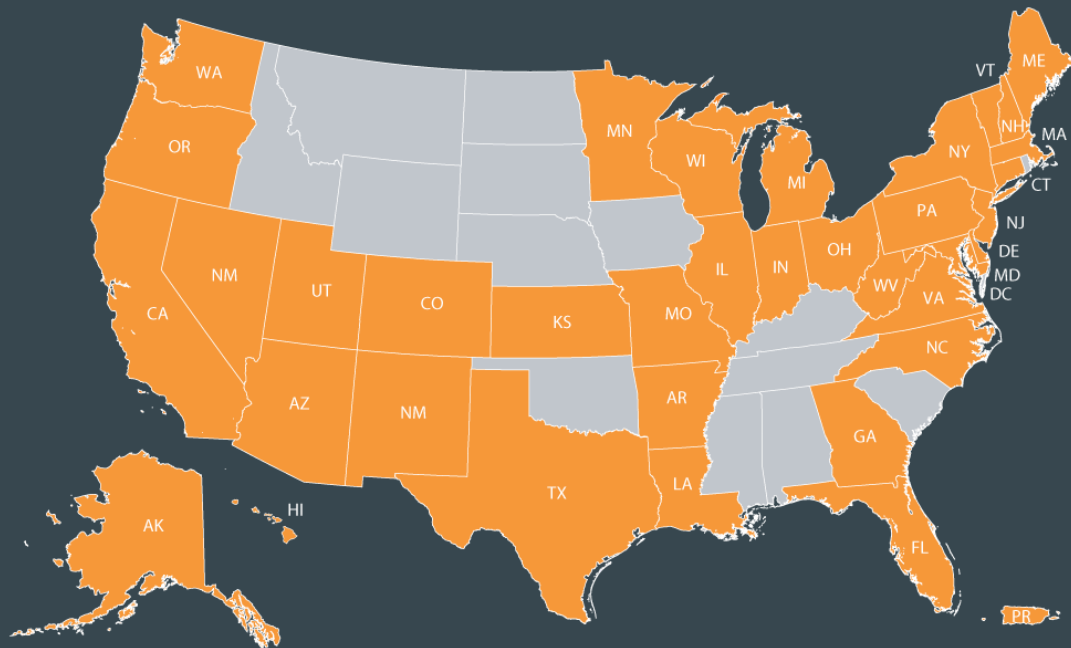
The CDP network advocates for:

**Building power**

**Winning change**

**Advancing popular democracy**

A network of 53 partner affiliates and organizations  
in 131 cities across 34 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington DC.



reaching

900,000

people across the country

# BUILDING POWER

Preparing a new generation of leaders that represents the diversity of our democracy and an infrastructure for organizing the new American majority

# WINNING CHANGE

Fighting for a vision of our democracy where everyone has the freedom to thrive: equitable opportunity, a just economy, a healthy planet.

# ADVANCING POPULAR DEMOCRACY

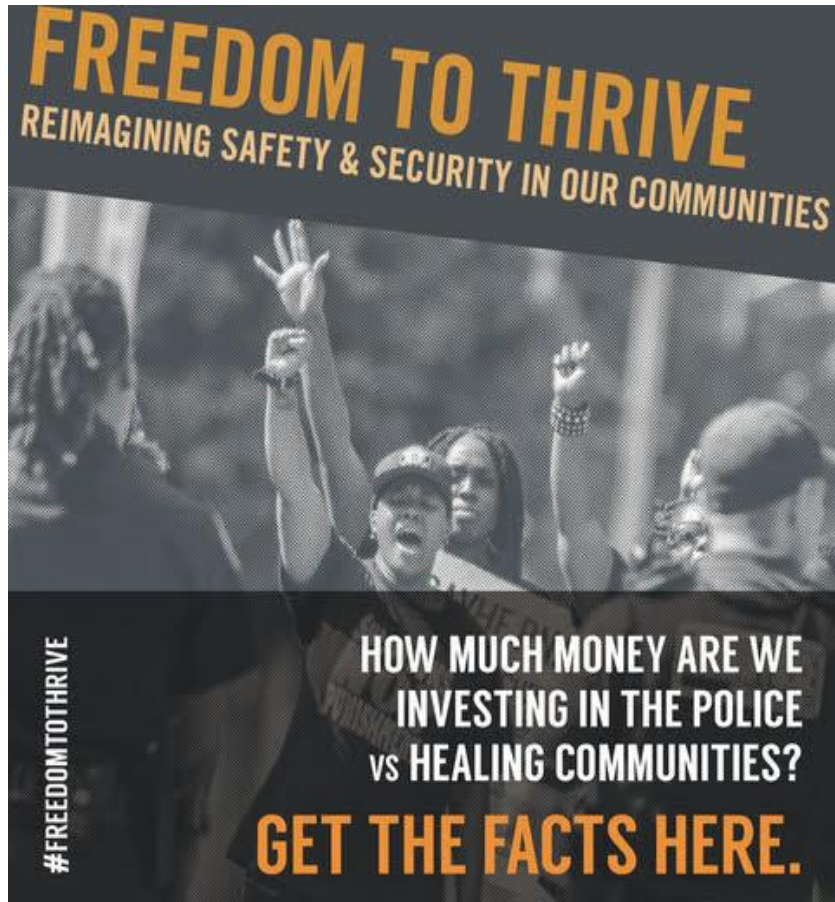
For the sake of ourselves, for the sake of our children, we are all in this together.

# Freedom to Thrive:

*Reimagining Safety & Security In Our Communities*







- FTT is a report by CPD, Law for Black Lives and BYP100
  - Examines racial disparities, policing landscapes and budgets in 12 jurisdictions
  - Interviews of 24+ organizations about Invest/Divest campaigns they have run in their cities & community safety priorities
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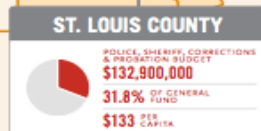
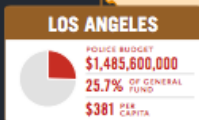


WHO DO CITIES INVEST IN MORE?

- U.S. criminal legal system **targets** Black and brown communities & cities' **budgets reflect this** deeply
  - During the last 30 years there have been drastic cuts to the social safety net --- which disproportionately impacted Black and brown communities
  - We have seen the *increased militarization* of police forces across the country and *massive investments* made in arrests, incarceration and surveillance
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# MAPPING THE COSTS OF CRIMINALIZATION

AMOUNTS ARE FOR FY17 BASED ON LOCAL BUDGETS AND U.S. CENSUS DATA



# Public Safety Investments into communities



- YOUTH
  - EMPLOYMENT
  - HOUSING
  - INFRASTRUCTURE
  - HEALTH
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**DETROIT**

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**#FUND BLACK FUTURES**

# DETROIT SELECT BUDGET EXPENDITURES, FY 2018-19

Department	Description	Total Expenditures	% of Total Budget
<b>Police Department</b>	Total Police Department spending	\$321,681,648	30.03%
<b>Housing and Revitalization Department</b>	Includes funding for affordable housing development	\$75,534,298	7.05%
<b>Department of Health and Wellness Promotion</b>	Health funding for public health programs and services	\$39,866,177	3.72%
<b>Department of Transportation</b>	Includes public transit services	\$135,072,500	12.61%
<b>General Services Department</b>	Focused primarily on City operations; includes Parks and Recreation, which includes afterschool and summer programming, educational activities	\$134,650,320	12.57%

## St. Paul Mayor Carter rejects police chief's call for 50 new cops

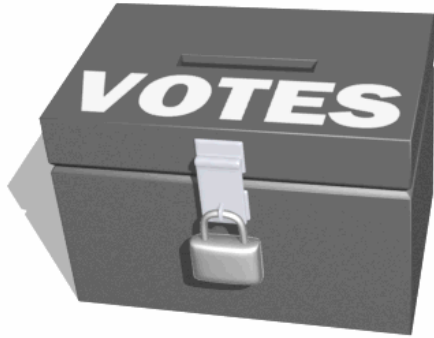


But Carter said in his Friday statement: “The philosophy that more police officers, tougher prosecutors and bigger jails equal a safer city has failed. Our driving goal shouldn’t be to hire as many officers as possible but to reduce the number of times we have to call police in the first place.”





# Participatory Democracy: Public Safety



- Participatory processes can and must center the voices of the most marginalized communities
- Provides a potential transformative impact on the kind of democratic engagement we want to see in every election
- Gives us a tangible outcome to organize around
- Serves as an accountability tool for governments
- In conjunction with other PD —tools (citizen assemblies, etc.)

# #FreedomToThrive:

*what you can do today*

- ★ Show up!
  - ★ Educate yourself on your city budget
  - ★ Ask the hard questions (birddogging)
  - ★ Reclaim the public safety mantle
  - ★ Join the conversation
  - ★ Give communities the chance to vision their future
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