



NOAH'S 2020 SUCCESS STORIES



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Met with Mayor John Cooper several times about police department changes, resulting in a NOAH representative serving on the Policing Policy Commission, and advocating for a mental health team to replace officers on certain calls.
- Submitted to the mayor's office a job description for the search for a new police chief.
- [Held a press conference](#) publicly demanding changes in police policy as excessive force was used by police nationally and locally (September 10).
- Held a virtual forum with 100 people on "Reimagining Public Safety" with representatives from Metro Police, Metro Council, NYU's Policing Project, and others (Sept 17).
- [Pressed Mayor Cooper at our virtual public meeting](#) of 700 to reimagine the criminal justice and education systems, with a focus on mental health (October 25).



EDUCATION

- Held four powerful school board candidate meetings, highlighting the racial disparity in suspensions and gaining commitments from all candidates to work with NOAH (June-July).
- [Fought for more funding for social emotional learning](#) and restorative practice to reduce suspensions and break the school-to-prison pipeline, especially for black and brown children.
- Met with MNPS administrators and school board members about a no-suspensions policy for elementary students.
- Met with state legislators to explore state funding for social emotional learning and social workers.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Drew attention to budget cuts in the Barnes Affordable Housing Trust Fund and [won \\$10 million](#) in the new Metro budget for affordable housing.
- [Successfully urged Mayors to appoint 2 NOAH leaders](#) who are affordable housing experts, to the board of Metro Development and Housing Agency, for a renewed focus on housing.
- [Organized publicity on existing senior property tax assistance programs](#), increasing the number of senior homeowners receiving help as they face a 34% property tax increase (June-July).
- Successfully pushed for the Metro Council to use \$10 million of federal CARES Act funding for rental and mortgage assistance for those threatened by eviction in the COVID-19 economic crisis (Sept).



ECONOMIC EQUITY & JOBS

- Supported adoption of a Metro budget in that maintained schools, affordable housing efforts, and needed public services, while ensuring that commercial developers paid their fair share. (June)
- Opposed the outsider-supported referendum that would have crippled Metro government. (Proposed referendum vote prohibited by the courts.)
- Planning a conversation in our city about commercial development properties paying their fair share of taxes to fund the services that they use. (November)

Additionally, NOAH has:

- Created the Integrated Voter Engagement committee to push non-partisan voter turnout and link voters to issues they care about.
- Created an active Young Adult Caucus to develop new leaders, ages 18-40.



OCTOBER 25TH PUBLIC MEETING

Over 700 people joined in NOAH's virtual Public Meeting, entitled "The Fierce Urgency of Now!" Mayor John Cooper and representatives of Metro Police, Metro Schools, and Metro Council committed to work with us on our key issues. Two candidates for state legislature also pledged to work with NOAH. You can view video of the event at <http://bit.ly/oct25-vid>.