

Asif Mahmood has been endorsed by a radical group that supports defunding the police. As violent crime increases in major California cities and cities across the country, we cannot trust Mahmood to keep our communities safe.

BACKUP:

In 2021, property and violent crime increased in California’s major cities—Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego, and San Francisco:

***Editor’s Note:** California’s violent crime rate [decreased](#) by 0.5% to 428 per 100,000 residents between 2019 and 2020, an unprecedented period marked by the global COVID-19 pandemic.*

***Editor’s Note:** 2022 data has not been released.*

- **Preliminary data from four of California’s major cities—Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego, and San Francisco—show increases in property and violent crime numbers in 2021.** “Preliminary data from four of California’s major cities—Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego, and San Francisco—show increases in property and violent crime numbers in 2021. In particular, the troubling increase in homicides that we saw in 2020 appears to continue—homicides in these cities were up by about 17% in 2021.” (“Crime Trends In California,” [Public Policy Institute](#), Accessed 7/14/22)
- **In 2021, property crime increased due to car break-ins and auto thefts.** “An increase in property crime in 2021, driven by car break-ins and auto thefts, returned property crime numbers close to pre-pandemic numbers. The need to continue monitoring crime trends, investigating underlying causes, and identifying effective solutions remains high.” (“Crime Trends In California,” [Public Policy Institute](#), Accessed 7/14/22)

Violent crime in major American cities increased in 2021:

- **Violent crime in major American cities increased in 2021.** “Fox News Digital examined crime data from Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, Seattle and Washington, D.C., and found violent crimes have increased anywhere from nearly 5% to up to 40% compared to the same time frame in 2021. Violent crimes are typically defined as reports of rape, sexual assault, robbery, assault and murder. Violent crimes have reached unprecedented numbers in the last two years, with murders increasing by nearly 30% in 2020 compared to 2019, according to FBI data. By 2021, homicides continued to rise in major American cities across the country, with the Council on Criminal Justice releasing data in January showing a 5% increase in homicides compared to 2020’s wildly bloody year.” (“Violent crimes on the rise in 2022, following previous unprecedented spike in murders,” [Fox News](#), Accessed 7/14/22)

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Asif Mahmood, U.S. House

[\(Planned Parenthood Action Fund Endorsed 2022 Candidates, Accessed 07/13/22\)](#)

Planned Parenthood supported defunding the police:

- **Planned Parenthood supported defunding the police.** “Planned Parenthood Action Fund – in solidarity with patients, staff, and supporters – stands with the Movement for Black Lives’ call to defund the police. Defunding the police means investing less in militarizing police forces and investing more in community-based solutions, education, and health care.” (Planned Parenthood Action Fund, “Defunding the Police: What it Means and Why Planned Parenthood Supports It,” [Blog](#), 7/9/20)