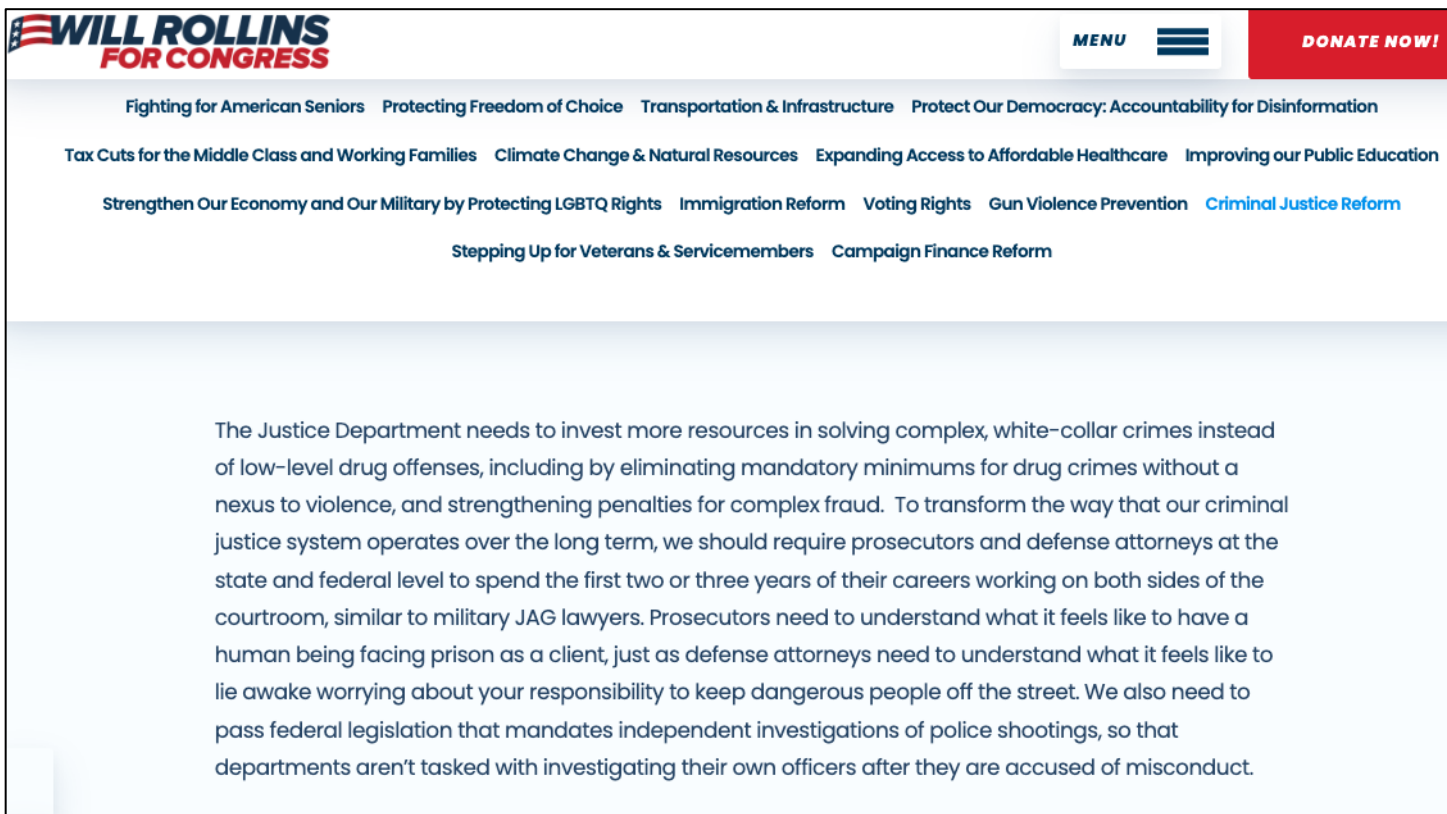


Will Rollins supports soft-on-crime policies that would reduce sentences for criminals including drug dealers, even as fentanyl-related deaths skyrocket in Southern California.

## **Reduce Sentences For Criminals Including Drug Dealers**

**In 2022, Will Rollins' Campaign Website Stated, "The Justice Department Needs To Invest More Resources In Solving Complex, White-Collar Crimes Instead Of Low-Level Drug Offenses, Including By Eliminating Mandatory Minimums For Drug Crimes Without A Nexus To Violence, And Strengthening Penalties For Complex Fraud."**



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Will Rollins For Congress website. The logo is on the left, and a 'DONATE NOW!' button is on the right. Below the logo is a horizontal menu with various policy areas. The main content area features a quote about the Justice Department's focus on complex, white-collar crimes.

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The Justice Department needs to invest more resources in solving complex, white-collar crimes instead of low-level drug offenses, including by eliminating mandatory minimums for drug crimes without a nexus to violence, and strengthening penalties for complex fraud. To transform the way that our criminal justice system operates over the long term, we should require prosecutors and defense attorneys at the state and federal level to spend the first two or three years of their careers working on both sides of the courtroom, similar to military JAG lawyers. Prosecutors need to understand what it feels like to have a human being facing prison as a client, just as defense attorneys need to understand what it feels like to lie awake worrying about your responsibility to keep dangerous people off the street. We also need to pass federal legislation that mandates independent investigations of police shootings, so that departments aren't tasked with investigating their own officers after they are accused of misconduct.

(“Issues,” [Will Rollins For Congress](#), Accessed 5/28/2022)

**NOTE:** *Rollins' website did not exclude fentanyl from his reduced sentences plan.*

## **Fentanyl Overdoses**

**Los Angeles Daily News HEADLINE: “Fentanyl Drives Spike In Skid Row Overdose Deaths, 148 Recorded In 2022”** (Clara Harter, [Los Angeles Daily News](#), 8/31/23)

**Cal Matters HEADLINE: “California’s Opioid Deaths Increased By 121% In 3 Years. What’s Driving The Crisis?”** (Ana B. Ibarra, Erica Yee and Nigel Duara, [Cal Matters](#), 7/25/23)

**San Diego Union-Tribune HEADLINE: “Spike In Local Accidental Fentanyl Deaths Prompts Outreach To Parents”** (Karen Kucher, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#), 6/15/22)