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LISC CEO in USA Today

In a forceful op-ed for USA Today, Maurice Jones, LISC CEO, and Jim Bueermann, a former police chief, show how investing in authentic police-community partnerships and neighborhood renewal is imperative for a safer, healthier country. It's something people of all political stripes can agree on-because every American benefits.

Below is an excerpt from the article as well as a link to the article.



10.18.2016 - [In the News](#)

Moments of consensus are rare in politics these days. When they occur, we should embrace them. During the only vice presidential debate, Democratic nominee Tim Kaine praised community policing's power to "build bonds of understanding" between law enforcement and communities of color. Republican nominee Mike Pence responded with a smile. "At the risk of agreeing with you," he said, "community policing is a great idea."

During Wednesday's final presidential debate before the election, their running mates would be wise to follow suit. We'd like to hear more support for this approach to make our communities safer.

The next White House must seize consensus that police and residents should cooperate and continue the Obama administration's laudable efforts to repair rifts. But with discord and episodes of

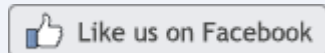
violence in the headlines, how does that really work?

[Read the full story here.](#)

In Richmond, community policing is as important as ever, with crime rates on the rise in Virginia LISC neighborhoods. Virginia LISC is working closely with community police in Northside to address crime hot spots.

"We are working with residents, police and community partners to find ways to physically change the way these four designated crime hot spots look," said Ebony Walden, program officer at Virginia LISC. "If we change the physical appearance and make these areas appealing to the public, then it will deter crime."

The four targeted hot spots are in Highland Park, Gilpin Court, North Ave. and Fourth Ave. on Richmond's Northside.



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