

United States Vice President

Mike ter Maat, Libertarian Nominee



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OCCUPATION: Retired police officer

EDUCATION:

MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
MS and PhDs in Economics from The George Washington University

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Mike had a successful career in economics spanning 25 years, highlighted by his work in the White House Office of Management and Budget. While in Washington DC, he also lobbied for freer financial service markets.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

In his second career, Mike served as a Broward County police officer for 11.5 years. This experience highlighted the need for significant reforms in law enforcement and the laws officers enforce.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

11 years of public service as a police officer.

OTHER:

With his combination of economics and law enforcement expertise, Mike was finally driven to run for office, having first run in the 2021 Florida District 20 House of Representatives race as the Libertarian candidate.

STATEMENT:

I support what I call the Gold New Deal to recommit to the decentralization of authority inherent in our Constitution and to limit the power of our government, as required by the Bill of Rights.

I seek a foreign policy that aligns with American ethics. Countries have the right to defend themselves from war and terrorism, while individuals retain the right to political agency. The U.S. government should not be sending foreign aid, nor propping up governments, nor outsourcing strategy to the United Nations. Instead, we should bring home our troops and use open markets to stabilize the world through peaceful trade.

I visited the Arizona-Mexico border to observe our immigration crisis, assessing it as both a former police officer and economist. No matter who you are, there is something about America's failed immigration policy to dislike: Human trafficking created by the black market, civil rights disaster, lack of security, slow government processing. I would surge resources to the border to vet people into the U.S. faster to eliminate the incentive for illegal crossings.

I would apply market forces to law enforcement to reform police. Start by paying good officers more, pay mediocre officers less, and fire bad police officers. Qualified immunity must be replaced with state requirements for police officers to pay for their own liability insurance, just like doctors' malpractice insurance. We must end the War on Drugs. We must decriminalize victimless human behavior, no matter how we personally feel about the behavior.

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