



LITTLE ROCK BLACK POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION

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On behalf of the Black Police Officers Association of Little Rock, Arkansas, I am proud to offer our endorsement of Sheriff Eric S. Higgins for re-election as Pulaski County Sheriff.

A mission guides our organization to increase community awareness of law enforcement issues, serve as a principled voice within the criminal justice system, and enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve. We believe Sheriff Higgins demonstrates a commitment to these values through a balanced approach that prioritizes public safety, accountability, and meaningful community engagement.

We support leadership that understands the importance of building trust between law enforcement and the community. Strengthening relationships through transparency, open dialogue, and active neighborhood partnerships is essential to sustainable public safety. Sheriff Higgins has shown a willingness to engage the community and foster collaboration rather than division.

We also strongly advocate for expanded mental health resources for both law enforcement officers and the community. Effective crisis response, increased access to mental health services, and proactive diversion strategies reduce incarceration rates, improve outcomes, and promote officer wellness. A modern sheriff's office must be equipped to address these challenges with professionalism and compassion.

In addition, we support juvenile initiatives designed to reduce the school-to-prison pipeline. Prevention, mentorship, restorative practices, and early intervention programs are critical to ensuring that young people are guided toward opportunity rather than incarceration. Public safety is strengthened when we invest in youth development and community stability.

Our objective is to promote professionalism and efficiency in law enforcement, advocate for policies that protect officers while enhancing effectiveness, and elevate the welfare of our city and its residents. We believe Sheriff Higgins is prepared to lead in a manner consistent with these principles.

For these reasons, the Black Police Officers Association proudly endorses Sheriff Higgins for re-election as Pulaski County Sheriff.

Respectfully,

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