



Date: February 7, 2023

To: Chair Ron Latz and Members of the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee

Re: Reference Letter for Minnesota Department of Public Safety Commissioner Bob Jacobson

As president of the African American Leadership Council (AALC) representing over 30 African American organizations and over 55 members it is an honor and pleasure to write a letter of reference for Minnesota Department of Public Safety Commissioner Bob Jacobson.

I have known Commissioner Jacobson personally for several years as we have mutual friends within the law enforcement community at every level. During that time, I have always felt that Commissioner Jacobson was a man of his word and someone that you could trust, thus I believe that he is going to be an outstanding Commissioner of Public Safety.

The following are a few of the reasons that I support Commissioner Jacobson:

1. One of the first things that he did to my surprise was call me the first day that he was appointed by Governor Tim Walz.
2. He informed me was keeping former Saint Paul Chief of Police and AALC member Tom Smith as Assistant Commissioner.
3. He has reached out to me a few times regarding the importance of a partnership with the AALC and African American community.
4. He reached out to me regarding the tragic murder of Tyre Nichols in Memphis.
5. He has agreed to come before the AALC full body in March of 2023.
6. He has agreed to come before the Saint Paul Black Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (Alliance) in March of 2023.
7. Most importantly he agreed to be a partner with the AALC, Alliance and other African American organizations in Saint Paul, Minneapolis and the State of Minnesota.

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For Freedom, Justice and Equality for All,

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