**Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire**

*The following questions present an opportunity to learn more about your views on key community issues and your vision for your 2024 Sheriff Primary Race.* ***Please complete and return no later than 11:59PM on February 20th.*** *All candidate questionnaires will be published on our website. Late questionnaires are unable to be accepted for endorsement evaluation.*

**Candidate Background Information**

1. Please explain why you decided to pursue a (another) term as a Dallas County Sheriff?
2. Please share why you believe you are uniquely qualified to serve in this position?
3. Please share a unique experience in your history that represents your law enforcement philosophy and how you make decisions.

**Candid Conversations with Candidates**

*The following questions present an opportunity to learn more about your views on the judicial system and your vision for Dallas County.*

1. How have you explored or championed alternatives to extreme and/or punitive judgments in your law enforcement career?
2. What can a Sheriff do to affirm specifically Black Dallas residents' trust in the criminal justice system?
3. What will make your tenure as Sheriff positively different from previous Sheriffs (or your previous term(s) if you are an incumbent/former elected official)? Specifically, what aspects of the Sheriff Department would you like to see improved?
4. What, if any, impact do you see racial inequity having on the criminal justice system and the people who pass through it? How do we remedy the historical and systemic injustices experienced by Black Americans in Dallas County specifically related to law enforcement?
5. In what way do you plan to use your position to deliver justice while also rehabilitating those offenders for whom that is possible and building stronger communities as a whole?
6. Lew Sterrett has experienced overcrowding and complaints about poor conditions. What are your plans for the Lew Sterrett Justice Center and how do you plan on serving the inmate population?

**Belief Statements**

*To what extent do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements? Please include a detailed explanation of your response.*

1. There is a history of Black people being disproportionately negatively impacted by the judicial system compared to their peers of other races for similar crimes.
2. The criminal justice system makes it difficult for victims to come forward with certain allegations due to a lack of faith in that system to either listen to or adequately serve justice to them (perceived or otherwise).
3. Socio-economic factors play a significant role both in people’s motivation to commit crimes and the response they receive from the criminal justice system.

**Thanks for completing our questionnaire. If there is anything else you’d like to share with voters about yourself or your campaign, please use the space below to do so:**