



Police Chief Candidate

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After extensive research and careful consideration, the Black Leadership Council has decided that Chief Ramon Batista is the best candidate to lead the Madison Police Department as it navigates the changing dynamics of our community.

Chief Batista has served a population almost twice the size of the City of Madison and his experience with diverse urban populations is both immeasurable and desirable. His history of implementing reforms such as training officers in use-of-force and de-escalation techniques speaks directly to concerns of citizens throughout the country but especially in our City.

At a time when shootings and violent crime are at an all time high in our City, we need a leader whose leadership and policies led to the lowest crime rates reported since the 1970's in the city in which he served.

Chief Batista is committed to building and rebuilding trust within the communities that he serves and in creating police department cultures that honor that trust. That commitment was evident when he publicly condemned multiple Mesa officers involved in two use-of-force incidents. But it also showed that Chief Batista is clearly one who respects marginalized, disenfranchised and underrepresented voices and speaks volumes of his commitment to fair, just and respectful policing for all regardless of race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status.

The primary purpose and mission of the Black Leadership Council is to address the systems and structures that perpetuate injustice, poverty, marginalization, and discrimination and to create an environment of equality of opportunity, privilege, and hope.

Chief Ramon Batista is a change agent and a difference maker who is clearly the one to lead the Madison Police Department, and he is the candidate that the Black Leadership supports as our next Chief of Police.

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