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**30-Year Law Enforcement Veteran Errol Toulon Nominated for Suffolk Sheriff**

*Two-Time Cancer Survivor is Only Candidate with Corrections Experience for Position Charged with Running Jail*

Suffolk County Democrats officially nominated Errol Toulon as their candidate for Suffolk County Sheriff. Toulon is a 30-year law enforcement veteran who served for 22 years as a uniformed officer in the New York City Department of Corrections, rising to the rank of Captain and later appointed Deputy Commissioner where he led the gang monitoring unit.

As the only candidate for Sheriff with Corrections experience, Toulon has a comprehensive plan to use his experience, including employing specialized officers to crack down on the nearly 300 known gang members in Suffolk County jails to fight gangs both inside and outside jail walls. More than ¾ of the employees who report to the Suffolk County Sheriff are Corrections Officers.

“I have spent decades working inside some of the toughest jails, guarding the toughest criminals, and I understand what it takes to keep our communities safe,” Toulon said. “I will hit the ground running on day one to make Suffolk County safer and save taxpayer dollars by increasing coordination between law enforcement agencies, reducing repeat offenders, and working with federal law enforcement to eradicate violent gangs like MS-13.”

Following his time in the Department of Corrections, where he was also a supervisor and instructor at the Correction Academy, the Firearms and Tactics Unit, the Emergency Service Unit and the Office of Compliance Consultants, Toulon served for two years as Suffolk County Assistant Deputy County Executive for Public Safety. In that position, he served as County Executive Steve Bellone’s chief public safety aide and Chairperson of the Suffolk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

“Errol Toulon is a dedicated public servant with the right experience to serve as Suffolk County Sheriff,” County Executive Bellone said. “I look forward to working together with Errol to make Suffolk County an even safer place to live, work, and raise a family.”

In addition to his extensive law enforcement experience, Toulon is a two-time cancer survivor. He beat Stage 3a Hodgkin's lymphoma in 1996 as well as pancreatic cancer in 2003. After beating cancer a second time, Toulon enrolled in college and completed his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees.

“Life has a strange way of teaching you things you cannot learn in a classroom,” Dr. Toulon said. “Never stop learning, and never stop fighting. I promise that if I am fortunate enough to be elected Sheriff, I will never stop fighting for a safer Suffolk County.”

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