

April 24, 2024

TO: Hon. Vedat Gashi, Chair  
Hon. Jose Alvarado, Vice Chair  
Hon. Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Majority Leader  
Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer   
Westchester County Executive

RE: **Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: APPT – Commissioner  
of the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.**

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This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators April 29, 2024 Agenda.

Attached for your approval is a resolution to confirm the appointment, effective February 1, 2024, of Terrance Raynor as the Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for April 29, 2024 “blue sheet” calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



**George Latimer**  
County Executive

April 24, 2024

Westchester County Board of Legislators  
800 Michaelian Office Building  
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Members of the Board of Legislators:

In accordance with Section 110.21 of the Laws of Westchester County, transmitted herewith for your approval is a resolution to confirm the appointment, effective February 1, 2024, of Terrance Raynor as the Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.

I have made a thorough review of Terrance Raynor's credentials and experience, and have determined that his appointment as Commissioner of Public Safety is in the best interests of the Department of Public Safety and of the County, generally. I have also requested that the Westchester County Department of Public Safety Police Board provide the Board of Legislators with a written evaluation of Terrance Raynor's qualifications as required pursuant to Section 173.01 of the Laws of Westchester County.

Therefore, I most respectfully recommend and urge your Honorable Board to confirm the attached resolution authorizing the appointment, effective February 1, 2024, of Terrance Raynor as Commissioner of Public Safety.

Sincerely,

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George Latimer  
County Executive

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**George Latimer  
County Executive**

**April 18, 2024**

**Mr. Terrance Raynor  
35 Buena Vista Avenue  
Peekskill, New York 10566**

**Dear Mr. Raynor,**

**It is my pleasure to appoint you to the position of Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. Please be advised that while this appointment authorizes you to immediately assume the duties and responsibilities of said office, your appointment as Commissioner of Public Safety is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators.**

**The current annual salary for this position is \$230,665 and your hire date will be effective Thursday, February 1, 2024.**

**Pending your confirmation by the Board of Legislators and in accordance with New York State Law, you must take and file an oath of office in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk.**

**As the Commissioner of Public Safety, you report to me through Director of Operations Joan McDonald.**

**I am also pleased with your plans to appoint James Luciano as Chief of Department.**

**I congratulate you on your appointment and look forward to working with you.**

**Sincerely,**

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**George Latimer  
County Executive**

**Office of the County Executive**

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## **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

A highly efficient, community oriented law enforcement administrator with extensive experience serving in various leadership roles as Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Chief Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner. Effectively directed overall operations; including patrol, investigations, support services, community service, training and administrative services. Strong problem solving and decision making skills with proven ability to develop and implement innovative strategic plans.

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2022 - Present**                      **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, Westchester County, NY**  
**Acting Police Commissioner**

Coordinates and oversees the operations and activities of the Department to provide quality police services to the residents of the County. Formulates and implements policies and procedures to ensure the proper and efficient operation of the Department.

**2018 - 2022**                      **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, Westchester County, NY**  
**Deputy Police Commissioner**

Worked with the Police Commissioner to direct, plan, coordinate, monitor and evaluate the operations of the Department to ensure the protection of life and property, prevention of crime, preservation of public peace and enforcement of all laws and ordinances within the Department's jurisdiction.

Directly responsible for the administration of the Department's Civil Division, Taxi and Limousine Commission and Pistol Licensing Bureau.

In the absence of the Police Commissioner, performed the duties associated with that office.

**2013 - 2016**                      **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MT. VERNON, NY**  
**Police Commissioner**  
**2004 - 2006**                      **Acting Police Commissioner**

Provided executive leadership to a Police Department of 200 sworn officers and 35 civilian personnel. Managed a budget of 19 million for Personnel, Training, Automated systems, Equipment and Payroll costs in a fiscally responsible manner. Through effective resource management was able to reduce Overtime expenditures by \$500,000 without causing negative impact upon policing services to the community. Responsible for developing several programs and initiatives with a focus on increased community engagement, which resulted in significant reductions of Part 1 Crimes. During my tenure, I focused upon increasing collaborative efforts with community-based agencies and religious institutions by participating in community forums, panels and events. Enforced accountability practices and provided oversight for all employee Disciplinary proceedings.

**2006 - 2013**                      **WESTCHESTER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**  
**Chief Criminal Investigator**

Provided direct supervision to a squad of 35 Criminal investigators assigned to the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. Worked closely with the District Attorney and her Assistants to plan and coordinate sensitive investigations. Provided oversight to Investigators assigned to work in conjunction with Assistant District Attorneys in criminal investigation cases.

**2002 - 2004**                      **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MOUNT VERNON, NY**  
**Chief of Police**

Managed daily operations of the Mount Vernon Police Department, which included direct control and supervision of 188 Sworn Officers and Civilian Personnel. Major Accomplishments include the coordination and implementation of a cultural diversity-training program for Sworn Officers. Worked closely with the Westchester County Office for Women in instituting new guidelines for responding to Domestic Violence reports.

2000 – 2002

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MOUNT VERNON, NY**

**Captain**

Served as Commanding Officer of the Special Operations Division consisting of 20 sworn members and one (1) civilian employee. The Division encompassed all community related units including: DARE unit, Quality of Life Task Force, School Resource Officers Program and Community Affairs and Crime Prevention. Major accomplishments include the creation of the Community Affairs and Crime Prevention Division to bridge the gap between the police and the public. Contained within this Division was the Internal Affairs Unit, which investigated all allegations of police misconduct and corruption.

1997- 2000

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MOUNT VERNON, NY**

**Lieutenant**

Served in several supervisory roles as Lieutenant; as Squad commander in the Patrol Division I supervised a staff of 17 sworn members and three (3) civilian employees, as the Executive Officer of the Patrol Division I oversaw the daily operations of the Division, which included direct supervision of 80 sworn members and 15 civilian employees. Other responsibilities included scheduling special events, monitoring civilian complaints and fleet maintenance.

1994 - 1997

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MOUNT VERNON, NY**

**Sergeant**

Supervised units such as the Quality of Life Task Force and the Police and Community Empowerment Unit. Assigned to Detective Division; Narcotics Unit to assist in the supervision of a team of investigators from Mount Vernon and outside agencies in the investigation of a major drug trafficking and distribution ring that spanned from Mount Vernon to Jamaica, West Indies.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Graduate of Virginia State University, DEA Drug Recognition Courses, New York City Dignitary Protection School, New York City Internal Affairs Investigations School, New York City Motorcycle Safety Training, Incident Command Training, Rapid Deployment to High Risk Incident Training, Stress Management in Law enforcement Course, Public Speaking/Public Information Officer Training, Secret Service Dignitary Protection Course, FBI National Academy 201<sup>st</sup> Session.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Westchester County Chiefs of Police  
International Association of Chiefs of Police  
Westchester/Rockland Guardians Association  
New York State Chiefs of Police  
New York State Sheriffs Association

**HONORS**

Received several citations, certificates of merit and a Commissioner's Unit Citation.





George Latimer  
County Executive

April 24, 2024

Leroy Frazier, Esq.  
Chair, Westchester County Department of Public Safety Police Board  
653 James Street  
Pelham, NY 10803

Re: Appointment of Terrance Raynor as Commissioner of Public Safety

Dear Mr. Frazier:

I would respectfully request that your Board interview Terrance Raynor at its next scheduled meeting and provide my Office and the Board of Legislators with a written evaluation of Terrance Raynor's qualifications as required pursuant to Section 173.01 of the Laws of Westchester County.

Sincerely,

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George Latimer  
County Executive

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cc: Chair, Westchester County Board of Legislators

RESOLUTION - 2024

TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the County Executive having appointed Terrance Raynor as the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, effective February 1, 2024, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Laws of Westchester County, as amended, and subject to the confirmation of this Board; it is

RESOLVED, that said appointment be and is hereby confirmed.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024  
White Plains, New York

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WHEREAS, the Police Board issued its report to on the appointment on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024; it is

RESOLVED, that said appointment be and is hereby confirmed.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024  
White Plains, New York