

## **APROA – Statement of Interest – John Charles Sisson**

It has been a tremendous honor to serve for the last two years as a board member of the Austin Police Retirees Association (APROA). During that time, I have worked in partnership with other members, board and otherwise, to advance the organization and to bridge the gap between active and retirees including volunteering to help feed officers during last summer's riots.

There is much work yet to be done which is what led to my decision to run for vice president in conjunction with Dennis Farris' bid for the presidency.

My roots in Austin and in local law enforcement run deep. I grew up here and attended Crockett High School. Following graduation, I joined the Travis County Sheriff's Office in 1977 as a corrections officer before becoming a member of the Austin Police Department in 1978. Upon my retirement at the rank of lieutenant in 2009, I became part of the Travis County Constables Office where I hold the position of Chief of Precinct Three. I am inspired to carry on my public service not only to my community, but to my fellow retirees.

As your vice president, I will strive to represent APROA members with professionalism in every capacity including:

- Bargaining with the city to maintain hard-earned benefits
- Growing the membership and the strength of the union by working in partnership with all board members to reach out to eligible retirees who have not yet joined the association
- Supporting organizations that aid active and retired law enforcement
- Advocating for legislation that is beneficial to the APROA
- Establishing fundraisers to benefit APD officers and their families seeking assistance, facilitating support for other law enforcement organizations with unmet needs and expediting donations to causes during national disasters

Over the last year, it has become apparent that Dennis and I share a vision for APROA – one that I hope you will endorse through your vote for both of us in our respective races. If entrusted to be your vice president, I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the men and women who served.

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