

July 12, 2010

Letter of Endorsement

By:

The Law Enforcement Labor Services Union Group of Detectives in the Criminal Investigation Division of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office

Who we are:

The fifteen Detectives in this group are part of the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. The Anoka County Sheriff's Office has been the central coordinator/employer for a group of detectives that work on serious felony level crimes including deaths, sexual assaults, robberies, burglaries, physical assaults, and narcotics investigations. In recent years CID has expanded its scope to include video and computer forensics. The division is overseen by a council made up of representatives from law enforcement and other government officials.

Endorsement Decision:

The Detectives have met with the candidates for Sheriff in Anoka County during the 2010 election year, asked questions, and are familiar with the candidates from past internal experiences spanning well over a decade in many branches of the office. After careful consideration and a vote by the union membership, a majority of this Detective's group has decided to endorse **James Stuart** for the position of Anoka County Sheriff. This group found both candidates to have positive characteristics of integrity, experience, and a desire for professionalism in all aspects of the office. However, this group chose to endorse **James Stuart** as showing stronger potential to lead the Sheriff's Office in the efforts to work with all the agencies and people within Anoka County. The Detective's union historically has not often endorsed any candidate and has remained neutral. In this letter we announce our support for **James Stuart** for Anoka County Sheriff in the election year of 2010. This endorsement is given without political promise or expectations in any form to the members of this group.

Sincerely,

Larry Johnson, Union Steward

Daniel Douglas, Union Steward