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John Bennett Jr.
Chief of Staff
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Chief of Staff John Bennett Jr. began his public service career in 1981 working for Pinellas County Parks. In 1984, he was selected by the Tampa Police Department as an academy recruit. At the Tampa Police Department, he served as a trainer, a homicide detective, and special operations and SWAT commander. Bennett also helped lead a crime reduction strategy that has now delivered and sustained an 80 percent decrease in crime, and also dramatically lowered arrests and raised case clearance rates. He has also served as an incident commander for major events and incidents such as the 2004 Hurricane Season, multiple Gasparilla Parades and Festivals, the 2009

Super Bowl 43, and the 2012 Republican National Convention. After 30 years at the Tampa Police Department, Bennett retired in 2015 as the department's Assistant Chief of Police.

Bennett then spent several years as the Pinellas Assistant County Administrator, overseeing the portfolio of public health, safety, and welfare. In this role, he managed a large portion of the County's 2-billion-dollar budget and oversaw and partnered with 24 municipalities and multiple contractors. He then entered the private sector to share Tampa's crime reduction strategies and supporting technological processes for improving 21st Century Policing with local law enforcement agencies across the nation.

In August 2019, John returned to the City of Tampa to serve under the newly elected Mayor Jane Castor as her Chief of Staff. In this role, he helps support the city's 400,000 citizens and 5000 employees.

John has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University, a Master's Degree in Homeland Defense and Security from the United States Naval Postgraduate School and a Doctorate Degree in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University. He also holds graduate certificates in Business and Government Leadership from the FBI National Academy, University of Notre Dame, and Harvard University.

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