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TO: Urbana City Council Members Brandon Bowersox, David Gehrig,  
Robert Lewis, Diane Marlin, Dennis Roberts, Charlie Smyth and  
Heather Stevenson

FROM: Laurel Lunt Prussing *L.L.P.*

RE: Mayoral Staff Appointment

I am pleased to recommend for your approval the appointment of Anthony Cobb as Assistant Police Chief.

I am attaching a letter from Chief Connolly which recommends the appointment of Lt. Cobb along with Lt. Cobb's resume for your review.



# Urbana Police Department

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**Patrick J. Connolly**  
Chief of Police

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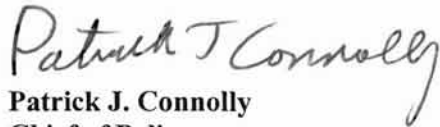
September 28, 2010


Dear Mayor Prussing,

I am enthusiastically requesting that Anthony Cobb be appointed the Assistant Chief of Police. Anthony has been an invaluable member of this department for the past eighteen years and his work within the community is second to none.

Anthony's strong leadership skills, thorough knowledge of the city and the people make him the ideal candidate for this position.

Respectfully,

  
Patrick J. Connolly  
Chief of Police



## Anthony D. Cobb

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### Summary

I have served the citizens of the City of Urbana for 18 years as a police officer. I was the department's first community policing officer in which, I piloted a program that fostered UPD's community approach to policing today. During my tenure at UPD I have served in both the Patrol and Criminal Investigation Divisions and I have served in a supervisory role for 12 years. My strengths include organization, collaboration, and the ability to get things done in an efficient manner. I am a life long resident of this area and I have a strong reputation for being honest and fair.

### Work History

**Lieutenant: Patrol Division Commander**  
May 2006 - Present  
Urbana Police Department

As the Patrol Division Commander, I implemented several changes to improve efficiency and service. Permanent patrol beat assignments for officers and sergeants, administrative cross training for patrol sergeants, and instituting monitoring sergeants for all officers in the patrol division were my biggest accomplishments.

**Patrol sergeant**  
Dec 1998 - May 2006  
Urbana Police Department

As a patrol sergeant I was responsible for the daily operations of a shift of officers. I responded and monitored patrol response to 911 calls, I reviewed, approved and authored reports. I coached, mentored, evaluated and developed subordinates. I completed tasks as assigned by my division commander

**Criminal Investigator/School Resource Juvenile Officer**  
May 1996 - Dec 2006  
Urbana Police Department

## Anthony D. Cobb

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As a School Resource Officer, I implemented a system that allowed teachers to schedule opportunities for classroom presentations. I presented to classrooms on law related topics relevant to the study topic. As students covered driver's responsibility in driver education class, I presented on traffic law. In American Civic classes I presented on the Bill of Rights and constitutional law as it relates to citizens rights, I also presented in open forums to address students' concerns about citizen and police contact.

### **Field Training Officer**

Feb 1994 - May 1996

Urbana Police Department

As a Field Training Officer (FTO) I was responsible for training a newly hired officer through a portion of the material they will need to know in order to successfully gain certification for solo patrol. I had the pleasure of training several officers during my tenure and it was very common for a training officer to train new hires 10-11 months out of every calendar year.

### **Community Policing Officer**

Oct 1993 - May 1996

Urbana Police Department

As the department's first community policing officer, I assisted in developing the philosophy, strategies, and partnerships that are still essential to our department's success.

### **Patrol Officer**

Sept 1992 - May 1996

Urbana Police Department

### **Education**

Northwestern Staff and Command School (303rd session)

Evanston, IL

Confer December 17, 2010

Eastern Illinois University

Charleston, IL

Bachelor of Arts

Confer August 2004

United States Military Academy

West Point, NY

(1989 - 1991)

## Anthony D. Cobb

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United States Military Academy Preparatory School  
Ft. Monmouth, NJ  
Confer June 1989

### Community Involvement

- Champaign County ACCESS Initiative-selected by local youth and families to serve on the Coordinating Council representing Juvenile Justice (Dec 2009 - Present).
- Mentor (Sept 1991 - Present)
- Coaching & Officiating for First String baseball league (2005 - Present)
- Church of the Living God- Co-chaired a sub-committee examining Youth (K-12) programming for the strategic planning (Jan - April 2010)
- Urbana School District #116 facilities strategic planning committee (Aug 2008 - April 2009)
- Urbana High School Football coach (1998-2002)
- Urban League of Champaign County Board of Directors (1994 -1997)

### Awards

Urbana Police Department Officer of the Year 1995  
Urbana Police Department Certificates of Merit (3)