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**BLACK CLERGY ANNOUNCE THEIR SUPPORT OF
SETH WILLIAMS FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
Ministers Condemn Recent Ruling as “Political Tricks”

PHILADELPHIA: The Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity formally announced their endorsement of Seth Williams’ candidacy for Philadelphia District Attorney today during an 11:00 AM press conference. During the endorsement, clergy members also expressed their outrage that Seth was erroneously removed from the ballot, but also their confidence that Seth’s position will be restored.

“Seth is not only a man of vision and integrity; he is also the most qualified candidate for District Attorney,” said Reverend Terrence D. Griffith, director of the Black Clergy’s Political Action Group. “Though the decision to remove him from the ballot was a travesty of justice, we vow to stand for Seth just as he stands for justice and fairness. Friday’s ruling was nothing more than a cheap political trick, and we cannot allow political tricks to rob our city of the opportunity to elect a District Attorney who represents all the people of Philadelphia.”

Seth was incorrectly removed from the primary ballot on Friday in a ruling that has angered many of Seth’s supporters and confused many in the legal community. Yesterday, Seth filed a notice of intent to appeal the judge’s ruling and asked for an expedited hearing.

“I am honored to have the support of the Black Clergy,” said Seth. “These ministers see the personal toll our broken criminal justice system takes. They are the ones conducting funerals and consoling grieving relatives of crime victims. They understand how important this race is to our city and our future.”

The Black Clergy cited Seth’s innovative platform of community-based prosecution, alternatives for first-time, nonviolent offenders and increased partnership between the District Attorney’s Office, the police, the courts and the community in their endorsement. The ministers also expressed their confidence that Seth’s appeal will be upheld.

Seth Williams, the City's former Inspector General, has 10 years of experience as a top prosecutor and supervisor in Philadelphia's District Attorney's Office. For more information, please visit his campaign Web site at www.votesethwilliams.com.

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