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## **FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE ENDORSE SETH WILLIAMS** *Officers Declare Williams the Best Candidate for D.A.*

**PHILADELPHIA:** The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5 has announced their support of Seth Williams for Philadelphia District Attorney. The FOP cited Seth's extensive experience and his commitment to enhanced cooperation with law enforcement. This is the third major endorsement Seth has received from law enforcement groups.

"Seth Williams understands that our officers need the support of the District Attorney to protect the public," said John McNesby, president of the FOP Lodge #5. "Seth is the only candidate with the experience to end the cycle of recidivism plaguing our communities and the commitment to working with the police and the court system to reduce crime in every neighborhood."

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5, which represents 14,600 active and retired officers of the Philadelphia Police and Sheriff's Department, expressed its support for Seth following an endorsement vote among their membership.

"I am honored to have the support of the FOP," Seth said. "These brave officers risk their lives to keep our citizens safe from criminals, and we owe it to them to make sure that those predators aren't released back to the communities they terrorize."

Williams also cited his specific plans to make Philadelphia safer, including:

- **Gun control** – Philadelphia is being ravaged by gun violence. Seth will advocate for common-sense gun control laws that increase the punishment for those who use guns and procure them for others illegally.
- **Parole** – When criminals who should remain in prison are released, everyone suffers. Seth will work closely with lawmakers to ensure that people who deserve a second change get one, while hardened criminals stay in prison.
- **Cooperation** – Seth's agenda of change will reform the way the District Attorney's Office works with elected officials, courts, law enforcement and the community. Seth will institute a new spirit of transparency and cooperation that reflects a mutual understanding that the citizens of Philadelphia come first.

The FOP's endorsement is the latest in Seth's growing list of supporters, which includes more than a dozen former Assistant District Attorneys, 12 state elected officials, the Fraternal Order of Police Philadelphia Housing Authority, the Transportation Workers Union Local 234 and the Guardian Civic League.

*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 website at [www.votesethwilliams.com](http://www.votesethwilliams.com).*