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FRATERNAL ORDER OF TRANSIT POLICE ENDORSE SETH WILLIAMS

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PHILADELPHIA: The Fraternal Order of Transit Police announced their support of Seth Williams for Philadelphia District Attorney at a press conference in Penn Center’s concourse level today. FOTP officers cited Seth’s extensive experience and his commitment to enhanced cooperation with law enforcement. With this endorsement, Seth has received the backing of every major law enforcement group.

“Seth Williams understands that our officers need the support of the District Attorney to protect the public,” said Richard Neal, Jr., president of the FOTP. “Seth is the only candidate for District Attorney who has the experience and perspective to confront the challenges Philadelphia faces.”

The Fraternal Order of Transit Police represents SEPTA Transit Police, the fourth largest police force in Pennsylvania. FOTP officers patrol SEPTA’s 2,200 square-mile service region and are responsible for the safety of the nearly 450,000 passengers who ride SEPTA daily. Seth has also received the backing of the Fraternal Order of Police Philadelphia Housing Authority, the Guardian Civic League and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #5.

“I am honored to have the support of the FOTP,” Seth said. “These brave officers keep us safe during our daily commutes, sometimes risking their lives to do so. They deserve a District Attorney who will cooperate fully with law enforcement to make our transit systems safer.”

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 FOTP’s endorsement comes as Seth’s campaign continues to pick up momentum heading into the final weeks of the campaign. In the last few weeks, Seth picked up support from the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, AFSCME District Council 33, ACORN, Philly for Change, the Guardian Civic League, the Pentecostal PAC and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #5. Seth also has the backing of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia and the Vicinity, more than a dozen former Assistant District Attorneys, 13 state elected officials, the Fraternal Order of Police Philadelphia Housing Authority and the Transportation Workers Union Local 234.

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.

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