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SETH WILLIAMS ANNOUNCES PLAN TO IMPROVE SAFETY BY ASSIGNING A D.A. TO EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD

Community Based Prosecution Will Allow Focus on Most Serious Criminals

PHILADELPHIA: At a Town Hall meeting in West Philadelphia this evening, Seth Williams detailed his plan to assign a prosecutor to every neighborhood in order to make every Philadelphia community safer. The paper, "Seth Williams' Plan to Improve Safety by Assigning a Prosecutor for Every Neighborhood", will allow prosecutors to focus on the most serious offenders and attack repeated patterns of crime.

"Currently, it is almost impossible for a prosecutor to discern repeated patterns of crime in the same locations, with the same networks of offenders, or with the same victims. Nor can they tell if robbery rates are rising in some neighborhoods and falling in others," said Seth this evening. "If we are going to improve the safety of our city, this has to change."

As District Attorney, Seth will not just be tougher on crime, but work smarter for every neighborhood in Philadelphia. Working smarter begins with assigning a prosecutor for every neighborhood ("Community Based Prosecution") in order to:

- Focus on the most serious offenders;
- Attack repeated patterns of crime;
- Tackle criminal networks, not just isolated cases;
- Serve victims and witnesses; and
- Make neighborhood safety the top priority

"The vast majority of crimes are committed by a small percentage of individuals and we should focus on identifying and stopping them," continued Seth. "A system of community based prosecution will allow prosecutors to work with the community and the police to focus our efforts on the most serious offenders and improve overall safety."

Seth's community prosecution strategy is just the first of ten major steps that he will take to re-shape Philadelphia prosecution for crime prevention. Each of these steps will be outlined in a policy paper and then subjected to deliberations with a wide range of community participation. These papers will serve as the blueprint for a "New Day with a New D.A."

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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