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PHA Officers Declare Williams the Best Candidate for D.A.

PHILADELPHIA: The Fraternal Order of Police – Philadelphia Housing Authority have announced their support of Seth Williams for Philadelphia District Attorney. The PHAPD, which protects residents of Philadelphia’s public housing system, cited Seth’s extensive experience and commitment to cooperation with law enforcement.

“Seth Williams understands that our officers need the support of the District Attorney to protect the public,” said Rodney Little, the president of the union. “Seth is the only candidate with the experience to end the cycle of recidivism plaguing our communities and a commitment to working with the police and the court system to reduce crime in every neighborhood.”

Since the early 1970s, PHAPD has been committed to providing PHA residents with a safe environment. From increasing youth drug resistance to domestic violence intervention, the officers of PHAPD provide valuable services that improve our communities’ quality of life. PHAPD believes that every family should feel safe in their home, and our officers are committed to making that a reality for our residents.

“I am honored to have the support of the PHAPD,” Williams said. “These brave officers risk their lives to keep public housing residents safe from predators, 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.

PHAPD’s endorsement is the latest in Williams’ growing list of supporters, which includes more than a dozen former Assistant District Attorneys and 11 state elected officials.

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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February 23, 2009

Mr. R. Seth Williams
The Committee to Elect Seth Williams
1500 Sansom Street, 4th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Seth,

I am pleased to inform you that the officers of the Philadelphia Housing Authority Police Department have endorsed your candidacy for Philadelphia District Attorney. Your dedication to justice and your pursuit of a safer Philadelphia are the change we need in the District Attorney's Office, and we look forward to working closely with you to achieve a safer city.

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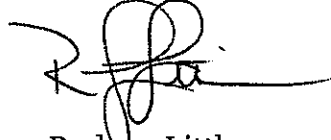
Despite our commitment to safer communities, the criminal justice system in Philadelphia has made it increasingly difficult to police our communities. Far too frequently, felony cases are dismissed and predators are released back to the communities they terrorize. PHA residents are left helpless and frightened to stand up for themselves, and PHA officers are forced to arrest the same criminals time and time again with no expectation that they'll be punished.

In the face of these challenges, your candidacy for District Attorney has inspired hope in our officers. You understand that for law enforcement to effectively protect the public, the District Attorney's Office must be willing to fundamentally change how it operates. Your dedication to community-based prosecution, alternatives for first-time, nonviolent offenders and your pledge to increase cooperation between the District Attorney's Office, the police, the courts and the community are what convinced our officers that you are the change Philadelphia needs.

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PHAPD officers are committed to electing you as Philadelphia's next District Attorney, and we look forward to partnering with you to make our City a safe place to live, work and raise our families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Little', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rodney Little
President of the Fraternal Order of
Police Philadelphia Housing Authority