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## **11 STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS ENDORSE SETH WILLIAMS FOR D.A.**

*Legislators Declare Williams the Best Choice for Philadelphia*

**PHILADELPHIA:** 11 state elected officials today added their names to the growing list of Seth's Williams' supporters today when they endorsed his candidacy at a 1:00 PM press conference in City Hall. The lawmakers, who represent a broad cross section of the city and its residents, declared Williams their choice for the office of the District Attorney, citing his extensive experience and dedication to reform.

"I am honored to receive the support of these distinguished legislators," Williams said. "Each of them have fought tirelessly for laws that make our communities safer places to live, work and raise a family. They are here because it is time for change in the City of Philadelphia, and they know how important the District Attorney's Office is to that agenda of change."

The 11 lawmakers who gather today to endorse Seth's candidacy today are:

- State Senator Shirley M. Kitchen
- State Senator Anthony H. Williams
- State Representative Mark B. Cohen
- State Representative Frank L. Oliver
- State Representative Ronald G. Waters
- State Representative Rosita C. Youngblood
- State Representative Angel Cruz
- State Representative Cherelle L. Parker
- State Representative Tony J. Payton, Jr.
- State Representative Kenyatta Johnson
- State Representative Vanessa Brown

State Senator Anthony Williams, who represents a portion of West Philadelphia, cited Seth's commitment to tough, but fair prosecution. "Too many of our communities and too many of our people are being victimized by repeat offenders. We need to catch those who are committing crimes, prosecute them and make our streets safer."

Representative Mark Cohen, a member of the House leadership in Harrisburg who represents a portion of northeast Philadelphia, is backing Seth because of his integrity and experience as Inspector General. "During his tenure as Philadelphia's municipal watchdog, Seth displayed a commitment to justice that will serve him and the city of Philadelphia well as District Attorney."

In the press conference, Seth cited specific things he would work with the Philadelphia delegation to Harrisburg to make our community safer, including:

- **Gun control** – Philadelphia is being ravaged by gun violence and we need common-sense gun control laws and increase the punishment for those who use guns and procure them for others illegally.
- **Parole** – When criminals who should remain in prison are released into our neighborhoods, we all suffer. Seth will work closely with our state representatives and senators to see that the people who deserve a second chance get one, and the people who need to stay in prison stay there.
- **Cooperation** – Part of our agenda of change is to reform the way the District Attorney's Office works with our elected leaders. We will institute a new spirit of transparency and cooperation that reflects our mutual understanding of who it is we really work for: the citizens of Philadelphia.

Less than a month ago, Seth received the backing of more than a dozen former Assistant District Attorneys, each of whom expressed their confidence that he is the only candidate for District Attorney who can partner with the police and the court system to fundamentally change how our city fights crime and protects the public.

*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).*

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