First Quarter Update from the Commonwealth’s Attorney
Goals

1. Establish and maintain trust and professionalism in the office
2. Establish trust and rapport with stakeholders
3. Begin fulfilling campaign promises
Four Core Functions

- Priorities and Policies
- Community Engagement
- Advocacy
- Management
Priorities and Policies

Cash Bail: ineffective, unfair, and unsuccessful.

Redirect our focus to more serious cases that have a direct impact on improving public safety.

Providing full, fair, and early discovery.
Priorities and Policies

Youth Diversion  Restorative Justice  Behavioral Health Docket
Community Engagement

COVID

Juror Participation

Sexual Assault Response Team
Managing the Office

- Improving Technology
- Vertical Prosecution
- Training
- Prison Visit
Policy Advocacy

- Criminal Justice Reform for Youth
- Marijuana Reform
- Writ of Actual Innocence
- Informed Juries
Criminal Justice Reform for Youth

I fought against the criminalization of children.

Beginning July 1, the age at which a child can be tried as an adult has been increased from 14 years to 16 years age.
Criminal Justice Reform for Youth

I advocated to keep children out of the criminal justice system.

Beginning July 1, students cannot be found guilty of disorderly conduct if the incident occurs on school property.
Criminal Justice Reform for Youth

I advocated for juveniles serving life sentences to be eligible for parole.

Beginning July 1, juveniles will be eligible for parole after serving 20 years.
Marijuana Reform

I advocated for marijuana legalization and regulation.

Beginning July 1, simple marijuana possession is decriminalized.
Writ of Actual Innocence

I fought for innocent people convicted of crimes they did not commit to have a stronger mechanism to prove their innocence in court.

Beginning July 1, the innocent will have more mechanisms to prove their innocence.
I advocated for juries to be better informed when hearing cases.

Beginning July 1, the court and counsel for either party in a criminal case can inform any potential juror as to the potential range of punishments to determine if the person or juror can sit impartially in the sentencing phase of the case.
What the Future Holds?