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## **Parisa D. Tafti Campaign Outraises Incumbent in First Finance Reporting in 2019**

*Democratic Candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney Parisa D. Tafti shows growing momentum by outraising incumbent by \$20,000*

(Arlington, VA) – Parisa D. Tafti, a Democratic candidate for Commonwealth’s Attorney in Arlington County and the City of Falls Church, Virginia, raised over \$24,000 in cash donations in her first reporting period, according to her campaign finance report for July 1 - December 31, 2018. The majority of Tafti’s donations came from small donors in local communities. The incumbent Commonwealth’s Attorney, Theo Stamos, raised about \$4100 in cash donations from 12 donors in the same reporting period, according to her report.

“Parisa's fundraising performance demonstrates the grassroots momentum behind our campaign,” said campaign manager Michelle Woolley. She continued: "The campaign finance report also underscores the deep reach of Parisa Tafti's message among a very broad and diverse coalition of voters in Arlington and the City of Falls Church."

“Arlington and Falls Church deserve a Commonwealth's Attorney who will lead the charge for criminal justice reform right here in our communities." said Tafti who just recently officially launched her campaign in Arlington. "I am deeply humbled by the strong local support our campaign has received" she added.

Tafti was recently endorsed by former Governor Terry McAuliffe, who stated, “I proudly endorse Parisa Tafti for Commonwealth's Attorney. Arlington and Falls Church City deserve a progressive, reform-minded Commonwealth's Attorney who is committed to protecting all residents and improving outcomes for chronically underserved populations, which makes everyone safer.”

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Parisa D. Tafti has done criminal justice work for 20 years – fixing its mistakes and trying to make our justice system more accurate, fair, and transparent. She works as the legal director of an innocence organization and previously worked as a public defender. She has represented clients at every stage of the process of a criminal case and in all levels of courts.

