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## **Gov. Terry McAuliffe Endorses Tafti for Commonwealth's Attorney**

*The endorsement is the first by a current/former statewide elected official in the race.*

(Arlington, VA) – Former Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe endorsed Parisa D. Tafti for Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church. Tafti is challenging incumbent Theo Stamos for the Democratic nomination on June 11th. McAuliffe's endorsement marks the first endorsement by a current/former Democratic statewide elected official in this race.

"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.

Governor McAuliffe continued: "One of my most lasting achievements as governor was to restore voting rights to more than 173,000 Virginians who had served their time. I made this a priority because it was the right thing to do. Parisa's opponent sided with Richmond Republicans to oppose these efforts. That's not what Democrats stand for. Parisa understands that prosecutors must be even-handed, forward-looking, and open to new ideas and ways to make communities safe and promote justice for all. That's why I am proud to endorse Parisa Tafti for Commonwealth's Attorney."

"Governor McAuliffe made Virginia a better, safer, and fairer place to live, work, and raise a family," Tafti said. "And when it comes to criminal justice reform, he doesn't just recognize there are problems with our system, but has continually demonstrated a willingness to tackle those problems. I am honored to have Governor McAuliffe's support in this race."

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