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Gene Rossi, Former Federal Prosecutor and Candidate for Lieutenant Governor, Announces Endorsement of Parisa D. Tafti

(Arlington, VA) – Today, Gene Rossi, who worked as a federal prosecutor for 27 years and ran for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor of Virginia in 2017, has endorsed Parisa D. Tafti for Commonwealth’s Attorney of Arlington and Falls Church.

Rossi stated: “For close to thirty years, I had a front row seat in our system of justice. I learned in those decades by training and working with thousands of prosecutors (federal and state) that we had incredible power and broad discretion. However, I also learned that although that daunting authority had to be used very aggressively at times to protect our communities and vulnerable victims, it had to be tempered by wisdom, fairness, and, equally important, compassion.”

“A prosecutor must never be wedded to old and tired standards that were once popular decades ago, yet are now incompatible with our shared progressive values and simply stale,” Rossi continued. “A prosecutor must always remain open to creative and bold approaches to make our society a safer and more secure place in which to live and raise a family. In my view, the time has come for Arlington and Falls Church to choose a prosecutor with fresh ideas and “New Blood.” Someone who will always strive for the proper balance between the need to protect our communities and the equitable treatment of the accused under the law. Tafti will provide all of this. She has exceptional intelligence and experience in criminal justice matters to infuse the Commonwealth Attorney’s Office with a sense of mission and purpose that will be bold, visionary, and inspirational. I proudly endorse Parisa.”

“Gene has a deep understanding of how our criminal justice system works. But more than that, he understands how we can do better,” said Tafti. “I am honored to have his endorsement and early support in this race.”

Parisa D. Tafti, is a Democratic candidate for Commonwealth’s Attorney in Arlington County and the City of Falls Church, Virginia. The Democratic primary will be held on June 11, 2019.

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