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FAIRFAX COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY STEVE DESCANO RELEASES FIRST TERM REPORT

Fairfax County, VA — Today, Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano released his office's [First Term Report](#), showing that the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney (OCA) is taking a more effective and just approach to prosecution that is directed at the root causes of crime.

Over the last three years, the CA Descano has directed an overhaul of the OCA and has:

- Grown, restructured, and modernized the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney to better serve the community;
- Implemented data-informed policies that reflect the community's values and keep Fairfax residents safe;
- Centered victims in prosecution and prioritized community engagement;
- Launched new diversion programs to improve safety, address the root causes of crime, and reduce mass incarceration; and,
- Collaborated with members of the General Assembly to build a more fair and just system.

"During my tenure, our office has pursued justice in accordance with our community's values: taking serious crime seriously, while building a fairer system that promotes diversion and reduces mass incarceration," said CA Descano. "As we've made significant progress toward this goal, Fairfax County remains the safest jurisdiction of its size anywhere in the country."

The OCA's reform policies reflect the community values and prioritize long-term safety. Recent polling has shown that an [overwhelming majority of Northern Virginia residents feel safe](#) in their neighborhoods.

The First Term Report can be viewed [here](#).

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