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## Arlington Education Association Endorses Commonwealth's Attorney Parisa Dehghani-Tafti for Re-Election

Arlington, VA— The Arlington Education Association's political action committee, A-PAC, has endorsed Commonwealth's Attorney Parisa Dehghani-Tafti for re-election.

In its endorsement for Parisa for re-election as Commonwealth's Attorney, A-PAC member Jeff Elkner said, "Parisa is a national leader in the movement." Elkner explained that A-PAC made its decision to support Parisa due to her strong record of reform of the criminal justice system. "Parisa's deep commitment to an approach to justice that seeks to heal rather than punish, to combat racism and oppression and replace it with it with humanization is in alignment with our goals and values as educators," said Elkner. He continued that Parisa's re-election is "in the best interest of our students, our educators, and the community we serve."

Commonwealth's Attorney Parisa Dehghani-Tafti is grateful to have the backing from Arlington's teachers. Said Parisa, "I am so honored to have the support of Arlington's educators. Teachers are the backbone of our community, our children are its future, and this endorsement means so much for our effort to serve everyone equally, fairly, and humanely."

Parisa was elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church in 2019, and has been serving in office since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Under her leadership, the Commonwealth's Attorney's office has maintained Parisa's promise to treat kids like kids, reduce racial disparities in our justice system with effective diversion programs, and empower victims with prosecution that prioritizes transparency and compassion.

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