

STATEMENT: #DecarcerateDA: The Philadelphia Coalition for a Just District Attorney Statement on Nominations of Larry Krasner and Beth Grossman for Philadelphia District Attorney

The Philadelphia Coalition for a Just District Attorney congratulates Larry Krasner and Beth Grossman on their nominations for District Attorney of Philadelphia. The stakes couldn't be higher. With one of the highest per capita jail populations of any big city, thousands held on cash bails they can't afford, immigrants facing massive deportation consequences when touched by the police and prosecution, and stop and frisk making our communities less safe, Philly is in urgent need of transformative change.

Larry Krasner ran on a campaign of decarceration. [In his commitments to our Coalition](#) - including statements he made to the Coalition at our April 18th forum, and in responses to our questionnaire, as well as throughout his time on the campaign trail, Krasner promised to not just reform bail, but to "go directly to a system of no cash bail as quickly as we can." He vowed to treat immigrants as individuals and take into account immigration consequences when considering the charges he would file against them as a DA. On these and on myriad other issues, he showed that he can be responsive to the overwhelming movement to #DecarcerateDA in Philly.

Beth Grossman, who declined to attend our forum or return our questionnaire, also has a chance to demonstrate a commitment to policies, principles, and actions of decarceration and community justice. [Her statements at forums and press reports show she has said she supports keeping bail, civil asset forfeiture, and using the death penalty](#) - and we look forward to advocating to her as well as Mr. Krasner on the #DecarcerateDA platform and the issues of community justice that thousands of Philadelphia voters and community members support.

Throughout the rest of this election, and whoever wins in November, our Coalition, led by formerly incarcerated people, immigrants and pastors, abolitionists and youth, will work with our communities to hold the candidates for District Attorney accountable - to keep our communities safe by keeping them whole, and by making sure that the next District Attorney keeps true justice first, here in the city of brotherly love.

Members of the Philadelphia Coalition for a Just District Attorney include: Youth Art & Self-empowerment Project, Juntos, New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia, Asian Americans United, VietLead, American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, The No215Jail Coalition, The Center for Returning Citizens, Asian Americans United, Media Mobilizing Project, New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia, Techbook Online,, Reconstruction, Inc., X-Offenders for Community Empowerment, 215 People's Alliance, Project HOME, Vote for Homes Coalition, Coalition to Abolish Death By Incarceration (CADBI), Frontline Dads, Inc., Color of Change, POWER, Decarcerate PA.