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Clark County DA Wolfson Joins National Effort to Curb Gun Violence

In a groundbreaking effort to combat gun violence, Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson joined 22 prosecutors representing major jurisdictions throughout the United States to announce the formation of Prosecutors Against Gun Violence (PAGV), an independent, non-partisan coalition organized to identify and promote prosecutorial and policy solutions to the national public health and safety crisis of gun violence.

"Gun violence is a serious problem in our community and nationwide," DA Wolfson said. "This group brings together people who deal with the impact of gun violence every day to discuss policies and practices in place across the country."

PAGV will convene the first-ever prosecutorial summit on gun violence prevention in Atlanta on Oct. 21 and 22, focusing on best prosecutorial practices, gang violence reduction, illegal weapons trafficking, the nexus between domestic violence and gun violence, the link between mental health issues and gun violence, and other initiatives. Additional summit details will be released shortly. PAGV was formed and co-chaired by Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer and Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance.

"For prosecutors, gun violence is not a partisan issue," DA Vance said. "It's a public health and safety crisis that claims lives and destabilizes communities in every jurisdiction in America. By coming together to share intelligence and advocate for pragmatic, non-partisan solutions, law enforcement officials can achieve lasting progress on gun violence."

"Together, prosecutors across our nation can make a major impact on the gun violence afflicting our communities," City Attorney Feuer said. "Our members will draw from our colleagues' most effective strategies and join forces to advance policies that can save lives. Prosecutors have expertise and credibility that are hard to dismiss." The growing coalition includes prosecutors from Atlanta, Boston, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Manhattan, Miami, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Portland, Queens, San Antonio, San Francisco, Seattle and Staten Island.

To stay up to date with PAGV's progress, join the mailing list at ProsecutorsAGV.org, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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