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4 Attorneys General, 2 District Attorney's and many more law enforcement officials endorse Morrissey for District Attorney

QUINCY – Former Massachusetts Attorneys General Francis X. Bellotti, L. Scott Harshbarger, Robert Quinn, and James Shannon today joined more than a dozen public safety leaders and hundreds of law enforcement officials from across Massachusetts in endorsing Michael W. Morrissey's candidacy for Norfolk County District Attorney.

"Michael has the legal expertise, trial court experience and the proven management and budget skills it takes to be an effective District Attorney," said Bellotti, who remains one of the state's most respected law enforcement figures.

Added Harshbarger: "He knows the law, knows the courts, and knows how to lead an effective legal team. That's what it takes to be District Attorney today."

The three Attorneys General were joined by current Norfolk County District Attorney William Keating; retired District Court Justices Warren Powers and Thomas May; retired Superior Court Justice Herbert Abrams; Louis A. Assad, the past the president of the Norfolk County Prosecutors' Association; past president of the Domestic Violence Ended Board of Directors Gini Kurtzman, many former prosecutors; retired police chiefs; and law enforcement groups in supporting Morrissey's campaign.

"I am truly grateful that the people who know the District Attorney's job best, believe that I am the most qualified candidate to lead that office," Morrissey said. "We are going to protect our neighborhoods, send dangerous criminals to prison, and keep sexual predators away from our children. The District Attorney's Office is the people's law firm, and I am ready to lead it."

The public safety leaders cited Morrissey's 25 years of trial experience and his work as a managing partner in a 50-person law firm and his tough-on-crime record as a state Senator. Morrissey wrote one of the first and toughest laws against drug trafficking in Massachusetts, and has consistently supported laws aimed at drunk drivers, sex predators, and domestic violence offenders, according to several law enforcement leaders who endorsed him.

"He has fought to protect children from sex offenders, to toughen drunk driving laws and to protect seniors from scams and abuse," said Former President of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association Ned Merrick.

Among the law enforcement officials endorsing Morrissey are: Former District Attorney and past president of the Massachusetts District Attorneys' Association, George G. Burke; former Dedham Chief of Police Dennis Teehan; the State Police Association of Massachusetts; the Norfolk County Corrections Officers Association; the International Brotherhood of Police Officers; the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts; former Quincy Police Chief Francis Mullen and former Executive Director of the Massachusetts District Attorneys' Association Ben Shapiro.