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Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein Announces Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg as Co-Chair of Prosecutors Against Gun Violence

City Attorney Klein has co-chaired bipartisan coalition of prosecutors working toward solutions to end gun violence since 2023

COLUMBUS, OH— Prosecutors Against Gun Violence (PAGV) Co-Chair and Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the appointment of Manhattan District Attorney Alvin L. Bragg, Jr. as Co-Chair of the organization. Bragg succeeds outgoing PAGV Co-Chair and Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, who helped lead the organization dedicated to finding solutions to end gun violence since 2021.

“Prosecutors and law enforcement play a critical role in getting illegal guns and the violent criminals who use them off our streets. As the courts and many states like Ohio continue to erode reasonable firearm restrictions, organizations like PAGV are more important now than ever before as we work to find common ground and common-sense solutions to reduce gun violence and keep our kids and communities safe,” said **PAGV Co-Chair and Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein**. “I thank Bronx District Attorney Clark for her leadership and vision and look forward to working alongside Manhattan District Attorney Bragg and the members of PAGV as we continue this fight.”

Since 2014, PAGV has been at the forefront in the effort to end gun violence in communities across America, from promoting safe storage and preventing suicides and accidental shootings involving children, to combating illegal firearms trafficking and aggressively prosecuting violent criminals who have no regard for the law or human life.

“I am honored to Co-Chair Prosecutors Against Gun Violence, a formidable nationwide collective of bipartisan prosecutors working together to find creative and commonsense fixes to address gun violence and advance public safety,” said new **PAGV CO-Chair and Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg**.

“I have seen the devastating impact of firearms on our families and communities since a very young age, and I came into office with the specific goal of combating gun violence. While I am pleased with the significant decrease in shootings and homicides in Manhattan, there are still far too many acts of gun violence. And it goes beyond New York City. We must take a comprehensive, nationwide approach through collaboration, investments and advocacy. I look forward to continuing this work with prosecutors across the country as Co-Chair of PAGV. I thank Bronx District Attorney Clark for her excellent service as former Co-Chair

and look forward to working alongside Columbus City Attorney Klein and the entire group to reduce gun violence.”

Co-Chairs D.A. Bragg and City Attorney Klein have committed to building on PAGV’s impact, zeroing in on the interstate trafficking of guns, finding proactive solutions to deter the spread of ghost and 3D-printed guns, appellate litigation, legislative advocacy, sharing best practices, and engaging with the private sector to encourage corporate responsibility.

Additional PAGV policy priorities include limiting firearm access to perpetrators of domestic violence, improving mental health care access, and leveraging technology to more effectively enforce laws on the books and keep America’s kids and communities safe.