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Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office Hosted Inaugural Community Council Meeting

Tampa, Florida – The State Attorney's Office (SAO) was excited to host its inaugural Community Council ("Council") meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. The purpose of the Council is to ensure transparency and build trust with our fellow residents by engaging in candid dialogue on criminal justice issues, addressing community concerns, and providing insight on SAO policies. This proactive engagement promotes accountability, facilitates effective policy-making, and increases understanding about our criminal justice system.

The Council consists of organization representatives and at-large members who represent the diversity of Hillsborough County and support the State Attorney's mission to build a safer community while promoting justice and fairness for everyone. Council members include a cross-section of individuals with impressive records of civic engagement throughout the county.

"Creating opportunities for accessibility to this office has been a top priority of my administration," said State Attorney Andrew Warren. "I'm thrilled to work with this team of civic leaders as ambassadors of criminal justice for the benefit of Hillsborough residents."

Led by State Attorney Warren and Strategic Communications Coordinator Sammecia Bagley, the twenty-six member council that will meet every other month includes:

Gloria M. Avila - Hispanic Services Council
Katrina Blaine – At-Large Member
Brian Butler - At-Large Member
Thania Diaz Clevenger - CAIR – Florida
Roseanne Cupoli - The Spring of Tampa Bay
Isabel Dewey – At-Large Member
Robert Gibson – At-Large Member

Freddy Barton - Safe & Sound Hillsborough
Bryce Bowden – At-Large Member
Susan Cannon - At-Large Member
Ella Coffee – NAACP (Hillsborough Branch)
Michael Decker - At-Large Member
Bryan Farris - Equality Florida
Pastor Bobby L. Jacobs - Faith in Florida

Lori James – At-Large Member
Rev. Dr. Russell L. Meyer - At-Large Member
Clara Reynolds – Crisis Center of Tampa Bay
Brenda Piniella Rouse – At-Large Member
Fran M. Tate – At-Large Member
Carlos Valdes – At-Large Member

Melisa Martin - At-Large Member
Gregory J. Orcutt – At-Large Member
Jalem Robinson – At-Large Member
Lincoln J. Tamayo – At-Large Member
Mary Lynn Ulrey – DACCO Behavioral Health
Mary R. Watson – At-Large Member

For more information, visit the State Attorney’s Office website at <http://sao13th.com> or email communications@sao13th.com.

The Office of the State Attorney, 13th Judicial Circuit is committed to making our county a safer place to live, work, and raise a family. It is our privilege and honor to service this community.

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