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STATE'S ATTORNEY BATES JOINS STATE'S ATTORNEY BRAVEBOY TO LAUNCH LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Baltimore City State's Attorney Ivan J. Bates and Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy announced their support of several upcoming bills in the 2024 legislative session, including efforts to tackle juvenile crime in their respective jurisdictions.

"I'm excited to partner with my talented colleague, State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy, to announce our collaborative support of several bills in Annapolis this legislative session that will target the increase in juvenile offenses that we have both seen in the jurisdictions we represent," said State's Attorney Bates.

State's Attorneys Bates and Braveboy will be mutually supporting legislation that addresses:

Juvenile Dispositions
GPS Home Monitoring/House Arrest of Juveniles
Parent Responsibility Act
Motion to Modify for adult cases

"Together, I truly believe that we will make a difference in our respective jurisdictions and in the state," said State's Attorney Braveboy. "The fact is that we have similar jurisdictions in terms of demographics, and we are facing many of the same challenges, such as crime. As a result, we have decided to unite on our top legislative priorities."

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HOSTS FALL RESOURCE FAIR SERIES

In October of 2023, the State's Attorney's Community Engagement Unit hosted six resources fairs in various districts throughout the City. Referred to as L.E.A.R.N. - Legislative, Engagement, Advocacy, Resource, and Networking - the series connected communities directly with law enforcement and government agencies to ask questions and gather vital information.

"It's important to me that community members feel connected to the offices that serve them and empowered to take control of the quality and safety of their neighborhoods," said State's Attorney Bates. "This series is just one of the many ways we're keeping Baltimoreans involved in the work we're doing to serve them."



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STATE'S ATTORNEY HOSTS LISTENING SESSION LUNCHEON FOR CRIME VICTIMS & FAMILIES

State's Attorney Ivan J. Bates commemorated National Crime Victims' Rights Week by hosting a luncheon for victims, survivors, and their families. The luncheon provided an opportunity for the State's Attorney to hear from victims and survivors of violent crime and begin an honest dialogue on how the Office of the State's Attorney can better serve victims and witnesses.

"For far too long, we have focused on perpetrators of violent crime and the chaos wrought on our communities while losing sight of what actually matters. The focus must be put back on victims impacted by violent crime, the same victims my office advocates tirelessly for," said State's Attorney Bates.

In addition to the luncheon, the SAO launched a video series entitled Rise Up - Breaking the Silence of Violence, to amplify the voices of victims of crime by changing the narrative around crime and why effective prosecution of those who inflict pain on often unsuspecting individuals is so critically important. The first episode, "Finding Peace," focuses on the tragic loss of one former state lawmaker's son to gun violence in Baltimore. Former Delegate Chanel Branch, who represented the city's 45th district, along with her father, former Delegate Talmadge Branch, lost her 22-year-old son Tyrone Ray Jr. back in 2017 in the very district they both represented.

"We have to get back to the cornerstone of law and justice, defending those who have been victims of crime and not those who continue to break the law and perpetuate the cycle of harm," said State's Attorney Bates.

INTRODUCING THE OLDER ADULT & DISABLED PERSONS UNIT

The mission of the Older Adult and Disabled Person Unit (ODPU) is to provide support to older adults and persons with disabilities who are victims of a crime or a witness to a crime. The efforts of this unit are focused on strengthening the SAO's relationship with some of the most vulnerable members of the community who may have been deterred in the past from reporting crimes of abuse and financial exploitation. The unit also provides crime prevention tips and resources for victims of crime who may have physical, cognitive, communication and/or mobility challenges. The unit also acts as an additional resource for prosecutors who would like assistance in engaging a victim who is an adult aged 60+ or a victim with disabilities. The ODPU is supervised under the leadership of Chief Shari E. Greene of the Economic Crimes Unit and staffed by Angel White, Program Director and Joe Richards, Older Adult Community Engagement Liaison. To contact the ODPU - please call our one-stop helpline (844.726.6378) or email odpuhelp@stattorney.org.





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State's Attorney Hosts Senior Luncheon



Community Engagement Team Attends Dunking With Dads

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The Office fulfills this goal through the successful prosecution of all crimes in Baltimore City.



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