

I am honored to join the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and humbled to lead such an accomplished team committed to justice and public safety.

Throughout my legal and public service career, I've championed initiatives to protect marginalized communities and promote equitable policies. I intend to bring this drive, compassion, and ingenuity to the prosecutor's office to make a true difference to the people of Franklin County.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Gary Tyack for his service and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement. I also want to express my sincere appreciation to First Assistant Prosecutor Mark Wodarcyk, Chief Counsel Mary Johnson, and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Bob Lang. Their contributions have been invaluable, and I hope they enjoy a fulfilling and happy retirement.

In the coming days, I look forward to sharing more about my transition team and my priorities and detailing additional vacancies we'll be working to fill.

My aim with this transition team is to assemble a diverse group of people who have been effective in addressing different aspects of public safety. From former police officers to nonprofit leaders working directly with youth, I have invited my team members to bring their unique perspectives in hopes that we can create the best justice system possible for Franklin County.

One of my first acts in office will be to embark on a listening tour of each division to learn more about the past and the possibilities and challenges ahead.

Without question, I recognize that we must achieve justice for all victims of crimes and hold violent offenders accountable. But incarceration isn't the only solution, and we must also address the root causes of criminal behavior.

This means viewing prosecution not as transactional but as transformative, taking a holistic approach that disrupts the cycle of violence and invests in strategies that support safe and healthy communities.

Today marks a new day for justice in Franklin County. Together we will launch an era of accountability, transparency, and integrity in the county justice system to make Central Ohio a safer, stronger, and more equitable community for all.



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