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## **Fair and Just Prosecution Statement on Recall of District Attorney Chesa Boudin**

**SAN FRANCISCO** - [Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement on voters' approval of Proposition H in San Francisco, the recall of District Attorney Chesa Boudin:

“We are deeply proud of the progress Chesa Boudin has made as San Francisco District Attorney and disappointed that his vision for a safer and more just city has been obstructed by a deep-pocketed special interest campaign that peddled fear and disinformation. Yet, even in the face of this isolated result, the reform-minded prosecutor movement continues to grow stronger because communities recognize that criminal justice reform makes us safer.

Like reformers across our nation's history seeking to promote a more inclusive view of justice, DA Boudin's approach to public safety rattled those committed to the status quo, whose failed policies created the inequities he promised to address when San Francisco voters first elected him. DA Boudin took office under enormously challenging circumstances – the dawn of a global pandemic; individuals facing tremendous trauma, isolation and economic pressures; and declining trust in law enforcement and government systems. Yet his record shows much in the way of accomplishment: expanding victim services, launching statewide efforts to address ghost guns, successfully prosecuting homicides and prioritizing hate crime and rape prosecutions, developing smart diversion programs that help reduce incarceration and recidivism rates, and enhancing police accountability and conviction integrity.

DA Boudin was made a scapegoat for a city facing numerous societal challenges, many of which existed before he took office, some of which were the result of the unprecedented stresses of the pandemic and almost all of which are beyond the ambit of a prosecutor's reach or role. Yet even so, crime in San Francisco has gone down overall since DA Boudin took office, and there is no evidence that criminal justice reform or reform-minded prosecutors are connected to an uptick in crime *anywhere* over the past two years. Look no further than within California – Sacramento, Oakland and Kern County are all experiencing rising crime while boasting tough-on-crime prosecutors. Indeed, if locking people up made communities safer, our country would be the safest in the world.

Communities nationwide recognize these realities, and the reform-minded prosecutor movement is here to stay, as reflected by recent resounding reelection margins for prosecutors in Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Tampa and a host of other places – some seeing their [highest support](#) in communities most impacted by crime. And just weeks ago, Durham County, N.C. District Attorney Satana Deberry [beat her primary opponents](#) with nearly 80 percent of the vote, setting up her now-uncontested reelection in November. If one can read anything into tonight’s outcome, it should be the distorting impact of a low turnout recall process easily swayed by special interests and coming at a time of deep frustration and trauma, rather than clear and considered opposition to a prosecutor committed to ending failed tough-on-crime policies.

Reform-minded elected prosecutors now represent nearly 20 percent of all Americans, and the movement continues to grow. We feel privileged to work with these visionary leaders who are tireless in – and will not be deterred from – their efforts to promote a safer and more just future for all.”

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