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Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney, Anton Bell Announces his Campaign for Re-Election

Anton Bell is a career prosecutor whose top priority is keeping the citizens of Hampton safe.

Over the past five years, Mr. Bell has made tremendous progress protecting the City of Hampton and keeping our citizens safe. This began with a strategy that aggressively prosecuted violent criminals, while also building strong bridges within our communities.

Since taking office in 2012, Mr. Bell has implemented a task force / litigation team that has vigorously targeted gun violence, gangs, and drugs in order to keep our streets safe from violent criminals. The Commonwealth's Attorney office has also secured a federal grant to protect our most vulnerable citizens through strong prosecutions of gender based violence, domestic abuse, child abuse, and human trafficking.

His office has also implemented new technological procedures and case management systems to meet the overwhelming demands of new trial practices, allowing the city of Hampton to more effectively prosecute cases involving violent crime.

Most importantly, Mr. Bell has partnered with the city's most valued stakeholders to build bridges between law enforcement and our communities. Working with the Hampton City Police, Hampton City Public Schools, YMCA, Exchange Club, along with church and civic organizations has allowed the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to proactively address the challenges associated with crime and youth violence.

These kinds of community partnerships are what grows thriving cities to help meet the law enforcement challenges of today.

For the past seventeen years, Mr. Bell has served the people and city of Hampton. First as a prosecutor of violent crimes, homicides, and child molestation cases, then as the Special Assistant US Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia as a member of the Peninsula Drug Task Force. However, his work is not complete. During his campaign he's looking forward to engaging with the citizens in the communities of Hampton to discuss the issues important to them.

With re-election, Mr. Bell will seek additional grants that can aggressively fund prosecutors to tackle gun violence and human trafficking. And in August, his office will put in place a Junior Commonwealth's Attorney pilot program for 8th and 9th grade students to provide them opportunities for mentoring and education on law enforcement. Given the success of this program, his office will institute a permanent program in Summer 2018 to help further bridge the gap between young people and law enforcement as a way to proactively prevent crime.

Mr. Bell is a member of the Board of Directors for the Virginia Association of Commonwealth Attorneys.

If you would like to schedule an interview with Mr. Bell, please contact Hope Harper at 757-240-8053 or send an email to hopeharper2004@msn.com.