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## CHAN ZUCKERBERG INITIATIVE ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR FAIR AND JUST PROSECUTION

Resources Will Support National Network of Newly Elected Prosecutors Committed to Innovation and Change

LOS ANGELES— Fair and Just Prosecution (FJP) is proud to announce that it is a recipient of a generous grant from the <u>Chan Zuckerberg Initiative</u>. The grant will help support FJP's work as it assists, brings together and creates learning opportunities for a network of recently elected prosecutors committed to promoting a justice system grounded in fairness, equity, compassion and fiscal responsibility.

"There has never been a more opportune moment for change, and FJP is at the center of that," noted **Washington D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine.** 

"FJP is enabling a new generation of elected prosecutors to move beyond incarceration-driven approaches and develop strategies that promote a smarter and more equitable justice system," said **Miriam Krinsky**, a former federal prosecutor and **Executive Director of Fair and Just Prosecution**. "This is a critical time for innovative thinking in the field of prosecution. FJP ensures that elected prosecutors willing to bring a new vision to the role of prosecutors receive meaningful support and have access to expertise and best practices from around the nation," said Krinsky.

FJP's network includes prosecutors from urban areas, rural communities, and border zones grappling with issues including bail reform, rebuilding community trust, immigration policies, and strategies to avoid criminalizing mental illness or substance abuse.

"These new prosecutors are trailblazers. They model a more proactive, prevention-oriented, and communityfocused conception of their role in the justice system," said **King County (Seattle) Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg.** 

"We are grateful to CZI for recognizing that criminal justice policy is largely set at the local level and prosecutors play a key role in advancing new approaches," said Krinsky. "At the end of the day, prosecutors serve as gatekeepers to the criminal justice system — they often decide who goes into the system, what charges will be filed, and who gets a second chance."

In an effort to expand the reach of this important work, Fair and Just Prosecution recently launched a <u>website</u> with a wide array of materials and resources for prosecutors, including issue briefs, news about pressing criminal justice topics, videos reflecting the voices of this new generation of elected prosecutors, and more.

To learn more about FJP's work, visit <u>www.fairandjustprosecution.org</u> or follow us on Facebook @FairAndJustProsecution.