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ON THE ISSUES

### **Defending Democracy**

D.A. Vance and 60 prosecutors from across the nation condemned the armed insurrection at the Capitol, those who incited it, and the profound racial inequity on display.

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During overwhelmingly peaceful protests for racial equity this past year, law enforcement across the United States all too often responded with violence, aggressive and militarized use of force, and mass arrests. Yet when predominantly white armed insurgents attacked our nation's halls of governance Wednesday, looting and destroying federal property, many in law enforcement appeared to stand aside. This profound and racist double standard makes clear the depth of inequity in our nation's policing practices, the need for broader systemic transformation, and the necessity of a thorough inquiry into Wednesday's law enforcement response.

## ON THE ISSUES

### Confronting Domestic Terrorism

"Domestic terrorism is terrorism, period. It should be labeled as such and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." D.A. Vance wrote about our model for prosecuting violent supremacists in the *New York Law Journal*.

[Read the column >>](#)

**New York Law Journal**

**ADDRESSING DOMESTIC TERRORISM IN NEW YORK AND NATIONWIDE**

## IN THE COURTROOM

### Vehicular Violence Accountability

D.A. Vance announced the manslaughter conviction of a driver who fatally struck a beloved doorman on the Upper West Side. "Our laws are fundamentally broken when it takes the death of a fellow New Yorker to get a driver with a history of reckless conduct off the road," D.A. Vance said as he urged Albany lawmakers to pass the Vehicular Violence Accountability Act drafted by our Office.

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**WOMAN WHO CRASHED INTO LOCAL DOORMAN, KILLING HIM, PLEADS GUILTY TO MANSLAUGHTER**

## ON THE ISSUES

### Abolishing the Death Penalty

The death penalty is unjust and cruel, and D.A. Vance has always opposed it. This month, we proudly called on the Biden administration to abolish it federally once and for all.

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**THE CRIME REPORT**  
YOUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE NETWORK

**COALITION OF JUDGES, PROSECUTORS ASKS BIDEN TO ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY**

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Right-Sizing the Justice System

On a new episode of *City Hall Pass*, D.A. Vance joined Counsel to the Mayor Kapil Longani to discuss our office's role in reducing unnecessary incarceration. D.A. Vance has declined to prosecute marijuana, subway fare evasion, and other low-level offenses, enabling our Office to slash total prosecutions by 59%.

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## IN THE COURTROOM

### Protecting our Markets

D.A. Vance announced the indictment of an international gem dealer for fraudulently obtaining more than a million dollars' worth of diamonds. "My Office will not allow individuals who have the privilege of soliciting business in Manhattan's iconic diamond industry to defraud our businesses or consumers," he said.

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**NEW YORK POST**

**INTERNATIONAL GEM DEALER BUSTED IN ALLEGED \$1.4M DIAMOND FRAUD**

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## ON THE ISSUES

### Walking While Trans

New York's *Loitering for Purposes of Prostitution* statute unfairly impacts LGBTQ+ New Yorkers, undermines trust, and does not make us safer. D.A. Vance reiterated his strong support for scrapping the "Walking While Trans" law as Albany lawmakers vote on whether to repeal it this week.

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## IN THE OFFICE

### Human Trafficking Awareness Month

In honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, our office wore blue to stand with survivors. If you or someone you know is a trafficking survivor, our hotline is open at 212-335-3400.

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