GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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The OAG Mission Statement

1. **Prioritize Public Safety and Our Kids**

   - Make D.C. a safer place for all who live here by (a) promoting and celebrating healthy and successful youth development, and eliminating the need to prosecute kids because hopeful kids are safer kids – to themselves and those around them; (b) inhibiting availability of illegal guns and reducing gun-related crimes, injuries and deaths; (c) contributing to a measurable reduction in traffic violence and carjackings; and (d) encouraging a victim-centered approach to addressing crime that empowers victims and fosters empathy, accountability and behavior change in justice-involved youth.

   - Support child and family-centered programming and advance a youth-positive narrative focused on achievements and successes of D.C.'s young people.

2. **Expand Home Rule, Advance Statehood, and Safeguard Our Democracy**

   - Enhance local autonomy by (a) advocating for consolidation of all local criminal prosecution (juvenile and adult) in OAG, (b) fighting Congressional interference in local affairs, and (c) raising awareness of the negative consequences of the lack of Statehood for D.C.

   - Safeguard our democratic values and protect our fundamental civil rights and liberties from incursion and erosion.

3. **Diminish Inequity and Dismantle Practices that Harm Washingtonians**

   - Narrow the equity and income gaps in our city through aggressive enforcement of (a) wage theft cases; (b) human and labor trafficking laws; (c) housing laws; (d) fair lending and anti-discrimination laws; (e) D.C. contracting and procurement laws; and (f) environmental laws.

- Enhance advocacy around equitable land use and promote more inclusive housing regulations.

- Advise and represent the agencies of the District government to protect the public fisc and ensure the availability of crucial programs and benefits.

- Ensure that all D.C. residents have equal access to justice and the arms of government so that local government works for all Washingtonians.

- Continue to make D.C. a national leader in affirmative consumer, antitrust and democracy protection cases, with focus on both significant national trends and practices that are particularly harmful to D.C. residents.

- Fight for the civil rights of historically marginalized groups through litigation, legislation, and education.

4. <u>Continue Building Institutional Excellence</u>

- Build on OAG's legacy of excellence and secure its position as the preeminent public law firm in the country. Recognize that our effectiveness depends on our commitment to our core values of integrity, independence, accountability, constructive engagement, inclusivity, and superior client service.