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Former U.S. Attorney John Walsh Launches Campaign for Denver District Attorney

Walsh pledges to create real results with swift, fair and certain consequences; earns strong endorsements from former Gov. Bill Ritter & former U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch

DENVER, COLO. — Thurs., Nov. 2, 2023 — Today, former U.S. Attorney and longtime community leader John Walsh announced his candidacy to be the next Denver District Attorney. Walsh vowed to meet Denver's challenges and create real results with swift, fair and certain consequences for violent crime, as well as creative problem-solving that builds trust and stops crime before it even starts. The Denver DA election is Nov. 5, 2024, with a Democratic primary race on June 25, 2024.

"I'm running for Denver District Attorney with a vision rooted in my lifetime-of-experience fighting crime. From prosecuting drug rings to taking on billion-dollar companies defrauding consumers, I've always sought ways to be smarter, more effective and more equitable in our approach to justice," said John Walsh. "Post-pandemic, Denver, like many cities, faces complex challenges: rising gun violence, school violence, auto thefts that hurt working families, and issues of addiction and homelessness."

"These are difficult challenges, but they are not insurmountable. And this is the work I've dedicated my life to. I know we can meet these challenges head-on; it will take leadership, experience and a commitment to earn the trust of the community. I'm committed to bringing innovative problem-solving that builds trust and addresses crime proactively - and protects the community in a way we can be proud of. As Denver District Attorney, I pledge to earn and sustain the trust of our community, ensuring Denver remains a vibrant, welcoming and safe city for all of us."

Walsh has an accomplished legal record, having won significant cases against big banks, Wall Street and major pharmaceutical companies. He has served as partner in several prominent Denver law firms, most recently at WilmerHale. This year, Law Week Colorado honored him with the title "Lawyer of the Year," and in 2021 he was recognized as both Colorado's "Best Litigator" and "Best Overall Litigator".

Appointed by former President Obama, Walsh served as the U.S. Attorney for Colorado from 2010 to 2016. There, he undertook national leadership roles for the Department of Justice, most prominently as the chair of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys, where he addressed white-collar crime. He also co-chaired national efforts to combat securities fraud and led internal investigations on a global scale.

Walsh began his career as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles. Over an eight-year tenure, he rose to the position of chief of the Major Frauds Section. Later, transitioning to private practice, he dedicated over 15 years at two of Denver's most prestigious law firms, Hill & Robbins and Holland & Hart. There, he specialized in business litigation, securities, and conducting critical internal investigations.

As a fluent Spanish speaker, Walsh has broken down linguistic barriers to increase impact and outreach. He is deeply involved in the Denver community, including serving on the American Bar Association's Mexico Committee and the board of [Denver's Escuela de Guadalupe](#). Walsh helped found (and now serves on the board of directors) [Invest in Kids](#), a Colorado nonprofit focused on early childhood healthcare and education.

Walsh has been married for 30 years and he and his wife have raised their three children in Park Hill, all graduates of Denver's East High School.

As he begins his campaign, John has secured the endorsements of strong leaders in criminal justice including every former Denver District Attorney from the past 30 years, as well as broad support from many Colorado District Attorneys, community leaders and prominent defense attorneys. See list of endorsements [here](#).

"I've known John for a long time, and he is one of the best lawyers I know," said **former Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter**. "John is committed to justice, not just for the system but for the people of Denver. It's in his DNA to care deeply about our community."

"John is one of the nation's most effective prosecutors. He's gone after the real criminals and fought corruption. When President Obama took on over-incarceration to build a fairer justice system, he called John to help guide the work. He's always known that building trust in the community is key to ensuring community safety and effective law enforcement. Experience, commitment, integrity; John Walsh is uniquely qualified to lead the District Attorney's office in Denver," said **Former Attorney General of the United States, Loretta Lynch**.

A campaign launch party will be held on Weds., Nov. 15, 2023. Those wishing to attend can RSVP [here](#). Walsh will be available for media interviews at the party.

To learn more about John's priorities as Denver's next District Attorney, visit www.walshfordenver.com.

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