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Statement from Brooklyn Chief Assistant District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

"It is with deep regret and tremendous sadness that I announce the passing of DA Ken Thompson. He was a giant among those seeking to reform the criminal justice system and we are all privileged to have worked under his transformative leadership these past three years.

In that short period, he transformed the Office into a model urban prosecutor's office, with a mandate to do justice and treat everyone and every case fairly and with utmost integrity. Among his many initiatives, he created a model for correcting wrongful convictions, instituted a marijuana policy that would later be replicated citywide and started a summons forgiveness program that would also be instituted in several other jurisdictions. Our sincere prayers are with his wife, children and loved ones. May he rest in peace, knowing that he has made Brooklyn and New York City a better place.

The executive team and I are committed to leading the Office and carrying out DA Thompson's vision and initiatives."