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**Pennsylvania's Fastest Growing Union of Frontline Nurses and Healthcare Professionals Proudly Endorses Former Philadelphia City Councilmember Cherelle Parker for Mayor**

**Philadelphia, PA** - The Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals (PASNAP), representing nearly 10,000 frontline nurses and healthcare professionals across the Commonwealth, many located in and around the city of Philadelphia, proudly endorses the former two-term City Councilmember and Majority Leader Cherelle Parker for Mayor of Philadelphia in the upcoming General Election.



“The COVID pandemic severely stressed our healthcare system and thinned the ranks of caregivers willing to work at the bedside,” says PASNAP President Maureen May, R.N., a longtime Temple University Hospital Mother and Baby Nurse. “As we continue to struggle with this new reality, Philadelphians need someone at the helm who prioritizes both excellence in patient care and the health and well-being of those who provide care to the people of Philadelphia. You cannot separate those things – they go hand in hand. Cherelle understands this.”

As a City Councilmember, Parker served as chair of the Council’s Labor and Civil Service Committee, where her stated focus was to make sure all workers in Philadelphia have financial security. “Cherelle understands our need to work with those in government to fight to improve conditions for all frontline healthcare professionals in Philadelphia and beyond,” adds May.

“As City Councilwoman, Cherelle stood firmly with the nurses at Einstein Medical Center,” says Carla LeCoin, R.N., a PASNAP Executive Board Member and the Political and Community Outreach Chair for Einstein Nurses United, a PASNAP affiliate. “I know her as someone who will speak for the voiceless and stand fearlessly alongside those who are ready to fight.”

PASNAP has long supported Parker, who served for 10 years as the State Representative for the 200th Legislative District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives prior to her election to City Council in November 2015. Her political relationships at both the city and state level, and her knowledge of and love for Philadelphia's workers and all its citizens run deep.

"For our professions and for our patients, PASNAP proudly endorses Cherelle Parker for Mayor of Philadelphia," says May. "As the 100th mayor of Philadelphia – and the first woman to hold the office! – we believe she will keep the needs of patients in Philadelphia and the needs of their direct care providers foremost in her mind."

"I am grateful for the support of PASNAP," says Parker. "To have the endorsement from frontline nurses and healthcare professionals across Philadelphia fills me with pride; these are the people who cared for us through the pandemic and continue to work tirelessly to heal our city every day. If it is God's will, and I am elected Mayor, I look forward to continuing to ensure PASNAP members get treated with dignity and respect from their employers, so they can continue to take care of all of us."

The Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals represents nearly 10,000 nurses and healthcare professionals across the Commonwealth, 4,500 of whom work in Philadelphia-based healthcare facilities including Temple University Hospital, Jefferson Einstein Hospital, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Jeanes Hospital, Fox Chase Cancer Center, and Wills Eye Hospital.