



Crowded field seeks primary nod in Southeast Queens' 27th District

Eleven candidates eager for June 27 run to replace term-limited Councilman Daneek Miller in City Hall

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With Councilman Daneek Miller (D-St. Albans) among more than a score of city officials term-limited out of office this year, 11 candidates have announced their intention to seek the Queens Democratic Party's nomination to take his place.

Al-Hassan Kanu (D)

Kanu is a native of Sierra Leone, where his father served as vice president. His family came to the United States in the late 1990s to escape a civil war.

He began in government as an intern in the City Council office of Leroy Comrie and worked his way up to director of community Affairs. When Comrie's term ended he became district director for Miller.

Kanu's housing initiatives include development on the major corridors in Jamaica that provide affordable housing while keeping the character of neighborhoods intact.

He said the district's disparities in health-care were exposed by the pandemic. He, too, is calling for a new hospital, saying it will require city, state and federal assistance.

Two planks of his education platform include ensuring all students have access to technology in school and at home; and installing surveillance cameras in classrooms and hallways to combat violence in schools.

Kanu said he will strive to better train police to work in the communities they serve; and "work with the NYPD to try and dismiss the fears that many young men and women have of police encounters." He also supports a city takeover of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and placing it under the control of the mayor. He did not specify how.

Kanu has reported \$21,072 in his most recent campaign finance report.

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