

Al-Hassan Kanu Receives Major Union Endorsements Heading Into Final Weeks Before The Democratic Primary

Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association Local 831, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1056, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1179, and the Uniform Fire Officers Association Endorsed Al-Hassan Kanu to become the next City Council Member for the 27th District

The unions cited Al's dedication to the community, his long advocacy to secure resources and improve policies for residents living in Southeast Queens as the reasons for their support

Al-Hassan Kanu, community advocate and candidate for the 27th Councilmanic District, has received major endorsements from several unions that have members who work and live in Southeast Queens. They came from Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association Local 831, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1056, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1179, and the Uniform Fire Officers Association.

"I am humbled and proud to receive these endorsements today" said **Al-Hassan Kanu**. "These unions represent the workers who ensure residents have clean streets and can travel safely. I have been working with members of both of these organizations for almost two-decades, ensuring their services were efficiently being used and coordinating efforts in City Hall to get them the resources they needed to expand their services in the district. I look forward to continuing this work once elected to the City Council."

Harry Nespoli, President of Local 831 wrote that: "Because you have demonstrated your commitment and devotion to your neighbors and all New Yorkers, the men and women of the Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association, Local 831 IBT are proud to stand with you in your efforts to represent the men, women, children and families of Southeast Queens with the 27th Council District of Queens."

In the letter announcing his unions endorsement, **President of Local 1056, Mark Henry** wrote: "ATU enjoyed its long working relationship with you from your exemplary work as Director of Community Affairs for then City Council Deputy Majority Leader now State Senator Leroy Comrie and for his successor, I. Daneek Miller as District Director, where you tirelessly built relationships across the community and did the hard work needed to address critical concerns for thousands of Southeast Queens residents."

"Al-Hassan Kanu recognizes how our bus operators and maintainers stood on the frontlines of the fight against COVID-19; some – too many -- losing their lives; and how we stepped up despite our members working under an expired contract. Al will fight to improve bus service and be a partner and advocate in our efforts to improve bus public transit," stated **Jose DeJesus, President/Business Agent of Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1179**. "ATU1179 is proud to endorse Al-Hassan Kanu to succeed I. Daneek Miller in City Council District 27."

"The Uniformed Fire Officers Association supports Al-Hassan Kanu as a hardworking community advocate and public servant," stated **UFOA President James Lemonda**. "From his

exemplary service with Council Members Leroy Comrie and I. Daneek Miller, Al knows how to navigate government bureaucracy and bring home the resources and municipal services Southeast Queens neighborhoods deserve. UFOA is proud to endorse Al-Hassan Kanu in his race for City Council. He is a strong advocate for maintaining crucial fire services and we look forward to having his commitment on the City Council.”

These endorsements come after the person Al is looking to succeed in the City Council, Councilman I. Daneek Miller, also endorsed his campaign.

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