

I. Daneek Miller

For City Council 27th CD

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THE NEW YORK LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS ENDORSES I. DANEEK MILLER FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Today [New York League of Conservation Voters](#) (NYLCV) announced its [roster of endorsements](#) in New York City for the 2017 election cycle, including City Council Member I. Daneek Miller for re-election in Council District 27.

NYLCV is the only non-partisan statewide environmental organization in New York State that uses the power of endorsements to hold elected officials accountable for progress on environmental priorities (View its full endorsement release [here](#).)

"Officials in Washington are responding to climate change by burying their heads in the sand so cities must fill the vacuum and lead. These candidates represent both our most dedicated allies and an exciting group of new environmental leaders who will be champions for New York City. We are confident that collectively, they can continue to implement the goals of OneNYC, conserve our clean water and open spaces and protect our public health, particularly in the most vulnerable communities," said Marcia Bystryn, President of the New York League of Conservation Voters.

Councilman I. Daneek Miller has worked to improve public transit options, including creating the "Freedom Ticket" which will allow city residents to use commuter rail with a free transfer to bus and subways. He helped introduce and expand the use of hybrid fuel buses, improved bus routes, and advocated for more funding for transit. Miller has also taken action to improve our water quality, sponsoring legislation to ban products containing microbeads and securing funding for infrastructure to address flooding in southeast Queens.

"I appreciate the League of Conversation Voters endorsement which recognizes our commitment and work on environmental justice in Southeast Queens," stated Council Member I. Daneek Miller, who chairs the Council's Committee on Civil Service and Labor. "This includes advocating for a system that ensures communities throughout the City handle their fair share of solid waste, and the NYC Green Jobs Corps training program which leads to good paying union construction jobs in sustainable industries. We also reduced congestion by making public transportation more accessible, affordable, efficient, reliable and safe for Southeast Queens commuters through the Freedom Ticket I secured for the MTA pilot in southeast Queens which will induce more residents to use commuter rail with a free transfer to bus and subways and thereby enjoy shorter commutes; it will reduce the number cars on the road."

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The NYLCV was founded in 1989 as a nonpartisan, policy making and political action organization that works to make environmental protection a top priority with elected officials, decision makers, and voters by evaluating incumbent performance and endorsing and electing environmental leaders to office in New York State.

Each year, NYLCV develops candidate questionnaires that detail its policy priorities for fighting climate change, conserving land and water and protecting public health. This year, NYLCV received 86 questionnaires and made 36 endorsements in New York City. The screening process also included interviews of candidates by NYLCV's New York City Chapter Board, which then made recommendations. These recommendations were given final approval by NYLCV's State Board of Directors.

Questionnaires of endorsed candidates (click [here](#) for the full list of NYCLCV endorsed candidates.) are [available on NYLCV's website](#), found within each candidate's profile page ([View](#) Council Member Miller's NYLCV profile.).

As Chair of the City Council's Committee on Civil Service and Labor, Councilman Miller passed laws to better the lives of working families. This includes paid sick leave, paid family leave for public employees and protecting building service, school custodial, grocery store and fast food workers. Civil Service and Labor Chairman Miller also secured a centrally located City testing center where prospective and current municipal employees can take advantage of city employment and promotional opportunities.

Councilman Miller who previously served as President of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1056 and co-chair of the MTA Labor Coalition, also sponsors legislation to enforce pay equity for the city's workforce. "No municipal union had contracts when I took office," added the Councilman. "Today 99% of labor reached agreements.

The Councilman's campaign previously announced the endorsement of The New York City Central Labor Council (CLC), a federation of 300 labor unions representing 1.3 million members across the New York City region; District Council 37 (DC37) AFSME, New York City's largest public employee union with 51 locals representing more than 125,000 members and 50,000 retirees; 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, the largest affiliate of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), representing 220,000 nurses and caregivers in the New York City area and 250,000 members statewide; public transit unions Transport Workers Union Local 100 and Amalgamated Transit Union; SEIU 32BJ, the largest union of property service workers in the U.S., with 163,000 members; The Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU), and Communications Workers of America Local 1180 (CWA Local 1180), one of CWA's largest public sector locals representing more than 8,500 workers and 6,200 retirees.

Daneek has lived in Southeast Queens in the 27th Council District for the nearly four decades. He also serves as Democratic District Leader for Part A of the 33rd Assembly District. Prior to taking public offices his involvements included the Southern Queens Parks Association, the NYC Middle School Sports Association, Brothers Unlimited and United Black Men of Queens.