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1199SEIU, LARGEST HEALTHCARE UNION IN NEW YORK, SUPPORTS I. DANEK MILLER FOR CITY COUNCIL DIST. 27

1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East has endorsed labor and community activist I. Daneek Miller for City Council, District 27 in Southeast Queens. A long-time resident active in the Southeast Queens community, Mr. Miller serves as President of Amalgamated Transportation Union (ATU) Local No. 1056, which represents drivers and mechanics who work for MTA New York City Transit's Queens Bus Division.

“The more than 200,000 nurses and caregivers of 1199SEIU in the New York City area enthusiastically endorse labor and community activist I. Daneek Miller for City Council, because we know he will stand up for quality healthcare and good jobs,” stated 1199SEIU President George Gresham. “Our members are some of the most politically active residents of this city, and devote countless volunteer hours to door-knocking, phone banking and other activities. We know Daneek's commitment to making a difference for working families, our seniors and our youth, through uniting people and organizing coalitions in common cause. Southeast Queens and our city need the energy, experience and leadership that Daneek continues to demonstrate as President of ATU Local 1056, chair of the MTA Labor Coalition and activist in such groups as the Southern Queens Park Association and the mentoring program of United Black Men.”

1199SEIU, the largest affiliate of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), represents nearly 400,000 total members throughout New York State, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Florida, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

In accepting 1199's endorsement Mr. Miller stated, “1199's tradition of activism, empowerment and engagement represents our core message as we seek to improve the lots of our working families, our seniors and our youth in Southeast Queens. 1199's hard working members strive every day to provide the highest quality patient care, and advocate for all working people. Our campaign looks forward to working in coalition with 1199 members and others who share the message of uplifting the hardworking New Yorkers who lack a voice to make sure they get heard at city hall on education, affordable housing, transportation, living wages and health care.”

Daneek has lived in Southeast Queens in the 27th Council District for the past 35 years. A well-recognized champion and advocate for public transportation, Daneek has spent a lifetime fighting for the families of Southeast Queens. His experience as a labor leader with a record of hard-fought victories, benefits and services delivered to working people make Daneek well-qualified to represent Southeast Queens in the City Council. As a labor and community activist Daneek knows the power of building coalitions to deliver for the community. Most recently, his efforts restored bus service, including the Q27 and Q42 serving Southeast Queens, to make it easier for residents to reach work, school, medical appointments and other activities.

A long-time advocate and activist on transportation and labor issues, Daneek also co-chairs the MTA Labor Coalition which represents 29 unions and more than 60,000 workers.