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## 32BJ SEIU SUPPORTS I. DANEEK MILLER FOR CITY COUNCIL DIST. 27

32BJ SEIU 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.

"On behalf of the 120,000 members of 32BJ SEIU, we are pleased to offer our endorsement of your campaign for the 27th NYC Council District in Queens," wrote its Political Director Alison Hirsh. "We believe that you share our commitment of building a society based on justice and fairness for working New Yorkers. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the future to achieve this goal."

In announcing its <u>endorsements</u>, Hector Figueroa, president of 32BJ, stated, "Now more than ever New York City needs real champions of working families who will stand up to special interests who would deny workers good jobs that will bring them solidly into the middle class. All of the men and women we endorsed for City Council also have been powerful advocates for workers."

In accepting the endorsement Mr. Miller stated, "32BJ represents hard working members who endeavor to provide for their families and improve their lot; my campaign's core issues, uplifting the hardworking New Yorkers who lack a voice and make sure they get heard at city hall on education, affordable housing, transportation living wage and health care, fits with the core advocacy of this progressive union."

Daneek has lived in Southeast Queens in the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 cochairs the MTA Labor Coalition which represents 29 unions and more than 60,000 workers.