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TRANSIT UNIONS SUPPORT I. DANEK MILLER FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL MTA's largest union, TWU Local 100 & largest public transit union, ATU

City Council Member I. Daneek Miller secured the support of the largest public transit unions in his quest for re-election as City Council Member for the 27th District (Southeast Queens). Council Member Miller announced endorsement from Transport Workers Union Local 100 which represents some 41,000 workers and 26,000 retirees in the New York City public transportation system and at some private bus lines serving the New York City metropolitan area. The Councilman also secured the support of the NYC locals of The Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) – the largest labor union in the U.S. and Canada representing 190,000 transit and allied workers.

“Transport Workers Union Local 100 strongly supports the re-election of City Council Member I. Daneek Miller, Chairman of the Council’s Committee on Civil Service and Labor,” said International Transport Workers Union President John Samuelson. “Daneek’s advocacy for working men and woman including his commitment to improve access to public transit through his Freedom Ticket that the MTA plans to pilot this fall and reforms to the Vision Zero law to ensure our bus drivers the protections and respect they merit represent but two examples of his outstanding work. While I miss Daneek as my colleague and co-chair of the MTA Labor Coalition prior to his election to the City Council, I recognize how working men and women benefit from his legislative and advocacy work in public office.”

“ATU Local 1056 finds that City Council Member I. Daneek Miller best understands the pressing needs of the working families and working people of Queens where our members work, and who primarily depends on buses more than subways and rails,” stated ATU Local 1056 President and Business Agent Mark Henry. “The Councilman’s advocacy for transportation equity for residents in the district and across the City brought together elected officials, business advocates, and local organizations to reduce travel times for residents in transit deserts through the MTA plan to pilot the Councilman’s Freedom Ticket proposal; it will allow Southeast Queens residents to ride the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) for a reduced fare and freely transfer to a bus or subway. His Commuter Van Reform Act aims to make the commuter van business safer and more efficient, while increasing enforcement and doubling fines for illegal van operations. In addition, ATU continues to appreciate the Councilman’s strong advocacy for bus driver protections and sponsorship of Int. No. 663.

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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; 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.