

# **State Senator Leroy Comrie Supports former Staffer Al-Hassan Kanu started as Intern for then Councilman Comrie**

## **Community Advocate Al-Hassan Kanu Earns Most-Coveted Endorsement in Southeast Queens**

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State Senator Leroy Comrie today issues a special message to voters in City Council District 27 where he served for three terms before current Council Member I. Daneek Miller:

“I’m reaching out to you to ask that you please vote for Al-Hassan Kanu to be the next Council Person for District 27,” stated Senator Comrie in a message shared with voters in the district.

“Al-Hassan Kanu was a student leader at York College who I met during a CUNY conference and I was immediately impressed with his passion and interest in helping others,” explained the Senator. “Soon afterwards Al joined my City Council staff as an intern. Al worked his way up to serve as Director of Community Affairs. Time and again I saw it first-hand: Al helping people with their problems; it became his calling card. Need your tree pruned? call Al; need a “Stop” sign or traffic light? Put Al on the case; need computers, science labs, air conditioning, repairs at your kid’s school? need help getting your community group funded? reach out to Al. He truly enjoyed giving people hope and opportunity by resolving their issues.”

*From Immigrant to York College to Intern to Public Servant*

Senator Comrie continued, “When term limits prevented me from continuing as our Council Member, my good friend and colleague in government, then labor leader, I. Daneek Miller came forward to run. After his election, Daneek sought out Al to join his staff as District Director. Al built on his work on my staff continuing to help community residents and proved an essential partner to Councilman Miller on efforts to bring affordable housing, fight home foreclosures, pass paid sick leave, secure the low-fare Atlantic Ticket to ride the LIRR and ensure community hiring and community businesses get work when major projects came to our community. Al later went to work for the Southern Queens Parks Association at Roy Wilkins Park, helping to strengthen its operations and work with our youth and seniors on a more direct service basis. Public Advocate Jumaane Williams asked Al to serve as his Queens Liaison. Al Kanu also co-founded the South East Queens U.P. FRONT organization, giving young professionals an opportunity to directly help the community. Bottom line, Al helps people, plain and simple.”

“Now term limits again require us to elect a new Council Member,” Senator Comrie added. “It matters who serves us in the City Council and only with Al Kanu, can we be assured we will be represented by a Council Member who has always been a true public servant.”

“Al needs no on-the-job training,” the Senator emphasized.

Senator Comrie concluded, “Please join me in electing Al-Hassan Kanu as our City Council Member; on your ballot please “rank” Al-Hassan Kanu #1.”