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UFCW 1500 SUPPORTS I. DANEK MILLER FOR CITY COUNCIL DIST. 27

United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) Local 1500, New York State's largest grocery workers union today announced its endorsement of Daneek Miller to be the next New York City Council Member to represent the constituents of the 27th City Council District (Southeast Queens).

"Working with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Daneek has shown strong leadership, aggressively fighting for his Union brothers and sisters while also organizing within his community," said UFCW Local 1500 President Bruce W. Both. "UFCW Local 1500 is excited to support Daneek Miller and help him bring his strong working class values and deep understanding of working men and women's to the New York City Council," Both concluded.

UFCW 1500 represents 23,000 members and promotes progressive policies such as demanding Wal-Mart be held accountable for its unethical business practices, supporting the expansion of supermarkets into underserved communities and creating good food, good jobs and good health for all New Yorkers. Other Issues of importance to Local 1500 members include aggressive wage theft prosecution, demanding labor standards be attached to corporate subsidies and strengthening New York City land use laws.

UFCW Local 1500 has an active "Women's Network Program," which addresses issues particular to women such as domestic violence and breast cancer. Over half of UFCW Local 1500's members are women.

"Daneek Miller has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of working families for many years," said Patrick Purcell, Assistant to President of UFCW Local 1500. "We know that Daneek will be an aggressive fighter for the residents of Southeast Queens and will bring the same passion that he has for improving the lives of his Union members to the New York City Council. UFCW Local 1500 members look forward to helping elect a true labor candidate in the 27th district" Purcell concluded.

"Thank you Bruce Both, Pat Purcell and UFCW Local 1500 for their strong support and commitment to our effort to build a coalition to make a difference for our working families our senior and our youth in southeast Queens," stated Miller, who 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. He also co-chairs the MTA Labor Coalition which represents 29 unions and more than 60, 000 workers. Daneek has lived in Southeast Queens in the 27th Council District for the past 35 and remains active in the Southern Queens Parks Association, The New York City Middle School Baseball League, United Black Men of Queens, Brothers Unlimited and Life Camp.

UFCW Local 1500 members in New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties. Members of Local 1500 are employed by Pathmark, King Kullen, Stop and Shop, Gristedes, Fairway, D'Agastinos, Key Food and Shop Rite. Learn more at www.ufcw1500.org.