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## Statement by Robert Croghan Chairperson of the Organization of Staff Analysts

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The leadership of the Organization of Staff Analysts endorses the candidacy of Fernando Ferrer in the upcoming election for Mayor of the City of New York. We have known and supported candidate Ferrer for many offices before this one and he has always performed well in each office.

Since the 1970's when Freddy, himself was a civil servant during that difficult time, he has understood the needs of our union and of workers throughout the city. As a result of the shared experience of those who were hurt or saw friends hurt by the fiscal crisis of 1975, we all became keenly aware of the need for fiscal responsibility at City Hall.

The current plan for a west side stadium to be built using bonds financed by payments in lieu of taxes sounds a lot like the "creative" financing of '60s and '70s. Going down that road in the past contributed to the wasteful use of taxpayer dollars that led to the fiscal crisis of 1975.

His concern for New York's community's led him to join a local Democratic Club in the 1970s. He slowly advanced through the ranks to District Leader and later became a member of the City Council. Eventually, Freddy became the chief executive of the Borough of the Bronx during that borough's years of recovery from the devastation of the 70s.

If you were to design a training program to prepare a person to be the Mayor, you could do well to use Freddy's life as a model.

Nearly three years ago the current administration threatened layoffs if the unions could not come up with some means of saving money on a recurring basis. Our union offered to substitute voluntary furloughs in place of lay offs. We had done this before and it had worked out, well, when it was tried.

Mayor Bloomberg chose lay offs instead.

We endorse Ferrer for Mayor because we want fiscal responsibility at City Hall. We endorse Ferrer for Mayor because we want a leader who will both inspire and care about those who work daily on behalf of the citizens and tax payers of the City of New York.

# FERRER FOR MAYOR