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**MAYORAL ANALYSIS:** The Organization of Staff Analysts has endorsed City Comptroller Scott Stringer for Mayor. The union's longtime leader, Bob Croghan, said that 'Mr. Stringer knows that working people keep this city moving and that there is no economic recovery without them.'

## Cite Comptroller's Longtime Support of Labor

# Staff Analysts, Building Workers Back Stringer's Mayoral Run

By CRYSTAL LEWIS

The Organization of Staff Analysts Feb. 23 announced that it has endorsed City Comptroller Scott Stringer for Mayor, citing his financial expertise and a history of championing workers' causes.

The union, which has 5,000 members, represents Staff Analysts, Senior Auditors and other workers across every mayoral agency and the Housing Authority, NYC Health + Hospitals and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. It also represents Budget Analysts and Confidential Strategy Planners in the City Comptroller's office.

Along with its endorsement, Mr. Stringer also garnered the backing of a large private-sector council representing construction

workers.

"The working people of this city deserve a Mayor who has a record of standing up for workers, protecting their dignity, and securing their futures. That's what Scott Stringer has done throughout his career," said Robert J. Croghan, who has been the chair of OSA for more than 35 years and is vice chair of the Municipal Labor Committee.

### 'Boosted Pension Security'

Mr. Croghan has strongly opposed threatened layoffs while prodding the de Blasio administration to establish plans that will ensure that municipal employees who have been doing their jobs from home can return to their workplaces safely.

During his tenure as the city's fiscal watchdog, a position he's held since 2014, Mr. Stringer "modernized the pension funds, strengthened efficiencies, and boosted the retirement security of city workers," the union leader said. "Scott knows that working people keep this city moving and that there is no economic recovery without them...we're ready to do all that we can to send Scott to City Hall."

Mr. Stringer said that he was "incredibly honored" by OSA's endorsement and would "fight with them for workers to have a seat at the table. They deserve a fair shake and decent wages, and

I can't wait to fight with them for an equitable economy that will bring sustainable, broad-based growth."

### 100,000-Member Council's Nod

On the same day that OSA announced its support for Mr. Stringer, the 100,000-member Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York gave him its endorsement.

"Scott has been a trusted and principled friend of the union building trades for decades, tirelessly advocating for and empowering New York City's tradesmen and tradeswomen," union President Gary LaBarbera said.

Other major labor unions to endorse the Comptroller, who previously served two terms as Manhattan Borough President, include Communications Workers of America District 1 and the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union. Earlier this month, he also received an endorsement from the 18,000-member United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1500.

UFCW Local 1500 President Robert W. Newell Jr. said, "From taking on crooked contractors to combating wage theft to fighting for workers' rights, Scott has always been a voice for the city's most vulnerable and neglected workers."

The Democratic primary will take place June 22.



**SCOTT STRINGER:** Builds on his labor support.