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Sisters and Brothers,

OSA is backing Letitia James in the runoff primary for Public Advocate against Daniel Squadron.

Many people have questions about the role of the Public Advocate. The Public Advocate is second in line to succeed the mayor. The position is currently held by the Democratic mayoral candidate, Bill de Blasio. He or she makes appointments, introduces legislation, investigates complaints about the city government, and casts the deciding ballot in tied city council votes.

Letitia James is a true progressive and is the labor-backed candidate, having won numerous union endorsements. She is a lawyer, has worked as a public defender and was a city councilwoman in district 35.

James introduced the Safe Housing Act, which put more than \$50 million into repairing unsafe buildings. She supported an investigation into the NYPD handling of Occupy Wall Street, and was considered an early whistleblower of the Office of Payroll Administration's City Time contract. She criticized that flawed payroll system as being overly costly and difficult to manage, and she did so in numerous committee hearings. Ms. James also opposed the Atlantic Yards' use of eminent domain to force ordinary citizens out of their homes.

If you need to know your polling location, or would like more information, please contact Courtney or Stan at the union HQ: 212-686-1229.

We urge you to vote in the runoff on October 1st for Letitia James.

Fraternally,

Robert J. Croghan
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