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LOCAL 1180 ENDORSES SCOTT STRINGER FOR NYC MAYOR

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Local 1180 joined with CWA District 1 and other New York City CWA locals for a virtual press conference to announce joint endorsement of Scott Stringer for Mayor of New York City.

Local 1180 **President Gloria Middleton** was the first CWA local president to speak at the press conference. "This is an exciting day for CWA and Local 1180 as we gather in unity to endorse Scott Stringer to be our next Mayor of New York City! Long before I became President of Local 1180, I had the opportunity to work with Scott and have always known him to be a true advocate for labor ... for the working men and women who keep this city running ... for the rights of the working middle class," she said. "He has a strong record to stand on. He fights the tough fights and he does it fairly. He protects workers, values, the economy, and most of all, he is accountable and accessible. His progressive vision is what we need to move our city forward and take us in a direction that will rejuvenate New York City."

Of all the mayoral candidates Local 1180 interviewed, it was Stringer's accomplishments and record that spoke for themselves. As the current chief fiscal officer for New York City, Stringer has held city government accountable and focused on issues where savings could be made.

He's been a leader in the fight to raise the minimum wage, worked to expand opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses, and he's aggressively audited the New York City Housing Authority to force repairs and improve the quality of public housing.

"When Local 1180 had issues with the city paying our Administrative Managers from the settlement of our lawsuit, we turned to Scott for help and he was there. No questions asked," Middleton said. "He has always been a voice for the underdog, knowing that New York City is not made up of just big wealth. It's the working family that keeps this city running. If Scott Stringer has been able to do all of this as our City Comptroller, imagine what he will be able to do as the next Mayor of New York City!"

Second Vice President Gerald Brown, also Local 1180's Political Director, said one of the many reasons the Union is backing Stringer is that his plan for a Green New Deal for New York City could serve as a springboard to an equitable economic recovery that would bring good jobs and new opportunities to neighborhoods that have suffered from both the economic dislocation caused by COVID-19 and decades of disinvestment.

"As a strong champion of the working class, Scott always takes into account how his actions are going to impact the majority of those

living in New York City," Brown said. "His climate plan, for example, focuses on opportunities to create good-paying green jobs that will allow New York City to not only lead the 21st century green economy, but prioritize the workforce development and community engagement necessary to ensure all New Yorkers train for and access job opportunities. Part of remaking and redefining who we are as a major city will be the impetus to jumpstarting the economy and take us out of the economic slump we've been in since the pandemic."

Scott Stringer already has:

- Pledged to support apprenticeships, local hiring, and the development of good union jobs, creating tens of thousands of green jobs within his first term in office
- Focused on NYC's affordable housing crisis by identifying more than 1,000 vacant, city-owned lots that could be used to boost the City's affordable housing stock by more than the 50,000 units currently proposed
- Audited the NYC Housing Authority to force repairs and improve the quality of our public housing
- Helped lead the fight to raise the minimum wage to \$15/hour in New York
- Unveiled an innovative proposal to help all New Yorkers save for retirement
- Helped small businesses identify bureaucratic barriers so they can create more jobs
- Shined a spotlight on the glaring need to expand opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses in New York City
- Exposed the deplorable conditions in which homeless children live
- Helped add tens of millions of dollars for arts and physical education teachers in our public schools to address troubling disparities and ensure a well-rounded education for all our children.
- Worked to open up corporate boardrooms and demand greater diversity as manager of the city's \$170 billion pension funds
- Transformed the five boroughs by glazing the rooftops with solar panels and battery units, prioritizing bike lanes and pedestrian walkways over highways, and providing new programs to make electricity cheaper
- Promised to block all new fossil fuel infrastructure, including a controversial pipeline currently under construction in Brooklyn ■