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Marti Speranza Endorsed by Professional Staff Congress

*Union representing 27,000 faculty and staff at CUNY backs Democrat Speranza in race for 4th
Council District*

4th District home to Hunter College, CUNY Graduate Center, Guttman Community College

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Today, Democrat Marti Speranza has earned the endorsement of the Professional Staff Congress (PSC) in the race for the 4th City Council District, encompassing Midtown Manhattan and the Upper East Side. In announcing its endorsement, the union, which represents thousands of City University of New York (CUNY) faculty and professional staff at three campuses in the 4th District and around the city, is calling Speranza an ally in the fight to ensure affordable, quality education for all New Yorkers.

"The members of the Professional Staff Congress are proud to endorse Marti Speranza for New York City Council," **said PSC President Barbara Bowen.** "This is a critical time for CUNY. Our members struggle to educate the next generation of New Yorkers amid limited state investment, increased workloads and attempts to run public colleges and universities like private businesses. With Marti Speranza in the Council, we will have a strong ally in the fight to ensure all New Yorkers have affordable, quality higher education."

"It's an honor to have the endorsement of the Professional Staff Congress," **said Marti Speranza.** "CUNY faculty and staff are an integral part our community, providing unparalleled educational excellence at campuses right here in Midtown and across the city. As our next Council Member, I will fight to secure the funding they need to continue their academic mission and give every New Yorker the opportunity to learn."

The Professional Staff Congress represents more than 27,000 faculty and staff at CUNY campuses and the CUNY Research Foundation. The union, which is an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers, has stood at the forefront of the fight against the corporatization of public education, lobbying city and state lawmakers to secure needed funding and resources. CUNY is the nation's oldest and largest urban public university system.

The CUNY system includes three universities and colleges in the 4th Council District. Hunter College, CUNY Graduate Center, and Guttman Community College are all located within the Midtown district.

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