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## **Democrat Marti Speranza Gains NYSNA Endorsement as September 12 Primary Draws Closer**

*City Council candidate continues to build on diverse base*

MANHATTAN, N.Y. – Marti Speranza, Democratic candidate for Manhattan’s 4<sup>th</sup> District City Council Seat, today added an endorsement from New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA), gaining a strong supporter in the closing weeks before the September 12 primary election. NYSNA is New York’s largest union and professional association for registered nurses, touting 40,000 members.

"NYSNA is proud to endorse Marti Speranza for New York City Council. Marti is truly the type of person we need for the future of our city," said Marva Wade, RN and NYSNA Political Action Committee Chair. "She is an advocate for women’s rights and empowerment; she understands business and how to create jobs; and she is dedicated to helping those who need our help the most. Marti is also a tireless fighter for our healthcare and understands how essential public hospitals are to the residents of the city."

"I am proud to receive NYSNA’s support," said Speranza. "Its endorsement validates my commitment to universal health care for all New Yorkers and to help families in our community receive the care they need. With an uncertain future for national healthcare policies, it’s more important than ever for local leaders to step up and protect the wellbeing of all New Yorkers. As a Councilmember, I will continue to stand with our nurses and health care providers," **said Speranza.**

NYSNA is a statewide labor union of frontline nurses with a focus on safe staffing, protections for nurses and patients, and healthcare for all. The NYSNA Political Action Committee is the branch of the union that determines endorsements.

Speranza is a vocal supporter of universal healthcare and increasing health care access for New Yorkers. She has promised to hold Mount Sinai Health System accountable for promises made to open a new hospital near Stuyvesant Town at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and has also advocated for the expansion of mobile health care clinics.

This endorsement gives Speranza momentum in last few weeks in this hotly contested race for the Democratic nomination for the 4<sup>th</sup> District City Council seat. NYSNA joins a varied coalition of support, including the United Federation of Teachers, Laborers’ International Union of North America, Communications Workers of America, Professional Staff Congress, State Senator Brian Benjamin, and Council Member Ronnie Eldridge, among others. The 4<sup>th</sup> District includes the Upper East Side, Midtown East, Stuyvesant Town, and Central Park South.

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