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Dear Brothers,

Please join us in supporting Ben Kallos as he runs for City Council in the 5<sup>th</sup> District to represent the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island. It is time for organized labor to stand for candidates who are tried and true members of the labor community, candidates who will stand with us when we need them to.

Ben Kallos has served labor for nearly a decade:

- Securing retirement benefits for working families as a union-side labor attorney;
- Working on law for the building trades unions as a Chief of Staff in the Assembly;
- Standing with the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA) Local 1-2 during the lockout;
- Standing with the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) in supporting fair, comprehensive teacher evaluations; and
- Picketing with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1181 to support Employment Protection Provisions in bus contracts.

Both Ben Kallos and his campaign have become a fixture in the labor community, standing with us even when no one else has.

Ben Kallos is running on a unique vision for a better City with the experience to get it done. His campaign is changing the rules of the game, so that the dynamic is no longer labor against politician, but both working together to gain public support. He recognizes that only with New Yorkers behind us can we together improve the lives of working families.

To accomplish this ambitious goal he has taken pragmatic steps. His article "New York City Union Workers Respond to Hurricane Sandy: Preparing, Protecting, Rebuilding," reminded New Yorkers of the bravery and hard work union members demonstrated after the disaster. He reminded New Yorkers of the values unions promote. Only through proactive and creative initiatives like this will we have the public support we need to maintain fair wages and benefits for our members.

Ben Kallos also demonstrates pragmatism in recognizing New York City's looming energy crisis and the strategic importance of the Indian Point power plant. Citing our City's need for energy that is both reliable and affordable, he understands that "Those who rush to call for the closing Indian Point without an alternative source of local energy fail to acknowledge that doing so would mean a loss of 25% of our City's power or one borough in a permanent blackout." While advocating for investment in the grid and future plant construction, he is willing to make the politically difficult decision to keep the plant open.

We at Boilermakers Local 5 are endorsing Ben Kallos for New York City Council in the 5<sup>th</sup> District. He will do the right thing without our needing to ask. Please join us in standing with Ben Kallos as he stands with us.

In Solidarity,

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