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## **L. Rickie Tulloch Gains Momentum in Race for City Council in CD 45, Qualifies for Ballot, Receives First Labor Endorsement of the Race from Local 891**

BROOKLYN, N.Y. - L. Rickie Tulloch, a Democrat running for City Council in Brooklyn's 45th District, covered serious ground this week as he submitted petitions to qualify for the ballot in the upcoming special election on May 14th and earned the endorsement of Local 891 of the International Union of Operating Engineers. The special election was called to fill the vacancy left by Jumaane Williams' election as Public Advocate.

"We have had a strong week and we are going to keep building until we are successful on Election Day. Our message is resonating and the people of this community are eager for experienced leadership in our next City Councilmember. I am proud to have the support of Local 891, and I will fight for our working families in the City Council. We need more affordable housing and protection against gentrification, better schools, and an end to predatory ticketing that hurts our quality of life. I'm proud of how many people are getting on board, and we're going to keep building momentum right through Election Day," **said Tulloch.**

"I am excited to announce that Local 891 is enthusiastically endorsing L. Rickie Tulloch for City Council in the Special Election to fill the vacancy in the 45th District. Throughout his decades of advocacy in the community, Rickie has fought to improve the lives of everyone in Flatbush, East Flatbush, Flatlands, Midwood, and Canarsie. He has been a vocal supporter of our students, workers, immigrants and seniors, and he will be able to produce results on the issues that matter most -- housing affordability, strong schools, good-paying jobs, and quality of life issues. We urge all of our members to support L. Rickie Tulloch on May 14th in the Special Election for City Council," **said Local 891 President Robert J. Troeller.**

The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 891, has over 850 skilled members who work as school custodian engineers in most New York City Department of Education buildings. Local 891 was formally organized in 1924.

Tulloch's platform focuses on issues facing the community and improving quality of life. Affordability is a major part of his platform -- he will take on the affordable housing crisis by increasing funding for homelessness prevention and rehousing programs, and fight for downzoning to stop gentrification. He also wants to improve public schools by increasing the number of gifted programs in district elementary schools. Additionally, he wants to end 4-days a week alternate side parking that leads to increased tickets and fines.

Tulloch arrived in Flatbush in 1976, immigrating with his family from Jamaica as a teenager. A proud product of our public schools, Rickie graduated from Erasmus High School and earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Brooklyn College. Over the last 40 years Rickie has dedicated himself to his community through his activism, advocacy, and public service. Tulloch is Senior Director at NYC Health and Hospital (Office of Facilities Development), is the Chairman of the Visionary Political Action Committee (VPAC), and was the Treasurer and Chair of the Land Use Committee of Community Board 17. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Flatbush Action Community Day Care Center; Board Member of the Erasmus Neighborhood Association; and President of the Ginger Ridge High School Past Students Association.

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