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## L. Rickie Tulloch Outlines Transit Priorities

BROOKLYN, N.Y. - L. Rickie Tulloch, a Democrat running for City Council in the Special Election for the 45th District, today outlined his transit priorities. He highlighted the need for improved bus service and subway station accessibility across the district and his commitment to restrict alternate side parking to two-days-a-week.

"Our district is a transit desert -- there is limited subway access so most people depend on buses or cars to get to work, school, the doctor, and to visit family. While fixing subway service remains a major talking point, we also need more reliable and increased bus service and elevators to make the subway stations in our district accessible to everyone," **said Tulloch.** "Because of our unreliable public transit, many people in our district must rely on cars to get around. Since my days on Community Board 17, I have fought back against four-days-a-week alternate side parking. It's a major inconvenience and causes increased fines and ticketing for local residents."

Tulloch's transit priorities:

- Increase bus service in the outer boroughs: Brooklyn was impacted by the service cuts in 2010 and we have never recovered. With few subway options, our community relies on bus service and if we want to make it a more viable option than cars, service needs to improve and increase.
- Improve accessibility at subway stations: Majority of our city's subway stations are not accessible for all New Yorkers and that must change. Here in our district, Newkirk Avenue and Beverly Road do not have elevators and only the southbound side of Avenue H has access to an elevator. As City Councilmember, I will work with the MTA to prioritize accessibility and bring elevators to these stations.
- Reduce four days-a-week alternate side parking to two days-a-week: Given our community's lack of public transit options, many people have cars and parking is a perpetual concern. Affluent neighborhoods across the city have two-days-a-week alternate side regulations. It is unjust that lower-income communities of color are forced to move their vehicles four times each week or risk being ticketed. By reducing the number of days, local residents will not continue to be penalized with steep fines.

"I have known Rickie Tulloch for years, and he has been a committed activist fighting for our community for decades. Together, we have worked on a petition to end four days-a-week alternate side parking and I believe that Rickie will be able to finally implement these necessary changes as our next City Councilmember," **said Mike Russell, former Chair of Community Board 17.**

In December 2018, Tulloch led a petition drive with full support of 40th Street Progressive Block Association to reduce alternate side parking from four days to two.

"It is deeply disappointing that the transit system in the greatest city in the world cannot serve all of its residents. From the youngest New Yorker to the oldest New Yorker, everyone should be able to use our public transit. As our next City Councilmember, I will fight to ensure that all residents can get from Point A to Point B as efficiently as possible," **said Tulloch.**

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