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DISTRICT COUNCIL 9 ENDORSES ADRIANO ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS

DC 9 President Highlights Espailat's Commitment to Create Job Opportunities for All

NEW YORK, NY (May 7, 2014) – Today, District Council 9 IUPAT, which represents more than 9,000 men and women in New York, announced its support for Adriano Espailat in the NY-13 Congressional Primary, adding to a windfall of endorsements last month. This support comes just two days after RWDSU announced theirs and joins many labor unions for Espailat.

“We are excited to announce our support for Adriano Espailat for Congress today,” **Joseph Ramaglia, President of DC 9 said.** “Adriano has a history of bringing job opportunities to the District and we know he will continue to do so in Congress. It is time for our community to have a leader who can build a long term plan for job growth – Adriano Espailat is that leader. We proudly support his candidacy today and we are ready to work with him in Congress.”

“I am proud to have the support of DC 9 its over 9,000 members,” **Adriano Espailat said.** “For far to long economic opportunity has been stunted in our District while we’ve had the potential to truly thrive. In Congress, I will work to reform and expand the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone and use participatory budgeting to increase access to economic *Opportunity for All*. Working with unions like DC 9 we will create new jobs for the District and I am honored to have their support.”

District Council 9 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades is an organizational of painter, decorators, wall covers, drywall finishers, sign painters, metal polishers, bridge & structural steel painters, civil service painters, lead abatement workers, glaziers & architectural metal glassworkers, paint makers, paint makers and allied trades.

Espailat has dominated organized labor endorsements with the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, Transport Workers Union Local 100 and the Laundry & Distribution workers affiliate of Workers United SEIU showing their support earlier in the campaign.

Also part of the broad coalition of support is New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer, New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Bronx County Democratic Party Chair and Assemblymember Carl E. Heastie (AD -83); Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.; Senators Brad Hoylman (SD-27) and Gustavo Rivera (SD-33), Assemblymembers Karim Camara (AD-43), Robert Rodriguez (AD-68), Gabriela Rosa (AD-72), José Rivera (AD-73), Jeffrey Dinowitz (AD-81), and Victor Pichardo (AD-86); Councilmembers Mark Levine (CD-7), Ydanis Rodriguez (CD-10), Andrew Cohen (CD-11) and Richie Torres (CD-15); the Barack Obama Democratic Club of Upper Manhattan, and the Democratic Club of El Barrio & East Harlem.

In Congress, Adriano Espailat Will:

- **Champion Affordable Housing:** Affordable housing is disappearing in our community, and longtime residents are being driven from their homes. Adriano Espailat led the fight to renew and

strengthen New York State's tenant protection laws, and he will bring the same determined focus to Washington.

- **Empower our District Through Immigration Reform:** Immigration reform is a defining civil rights issue of our time. Espaillat believes the time is now to fix our broken immigration laws and bring over 11 million Americans out of the shadows. The current system has split families apart, and left Latino, Caribbean, and African immigrant communities in the 13th Congressional District vulnerable to exploitation and abuse.
- **Focus Economic Development on the Community:** Espaillat believes that economic development isn't successful if current residents are left behind. Espaillat will fight to shift public subsidies from the big box chain stores paying minimum wage salaries, to existing small and minority-owned businesses looking to grow, and local entrepreneurs who need capital to get started.
- **Fight for Healthcare & An End to Health Disparities in Communities of Color:** From diabetes, to obesity, to childhood asthma, Upper Manhattan and The Bronx residents have urgent needs that are not being met in Washington. Espaillat will push to prioritize federal research, education and grant funding towards under-served communities of color to close the minority health disparity gap for children and seniors alike.

More About 13th District Congressional Candidate Adriano Espaillat:

- Adriano Espaillat got his start as a community activist in Northern Manhattan, and currently serves in the New York State Senate. In the legislature, he quickly distinguished himself as a reformer and progressive fighter who has stood up for working families.
- In 2011, Espaillat led the fight to renew New York State's tenant protection laws, which were set to expire that year. Espaillat's advocacy safeguarded over 1 million units of affordable housing, and earned new protections for over 2.5 million people, including the creation of the Tenant Protection Unit to stop harassment and abuse.
- As Chair of the Senate Latino Conference, Espaillat has championed state-based immigration reforms, including: legislation allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses, the DREAM Act, and the Farmworkers Bill of Rights.
- Espaillat has been a vocal advocate for tenants, consumers, veterans, immigrants and local businesses. He has championed marriage equality and civil rights issues, and worked to protect our environment from hydro-fracking and other dangers.
- He has passed laws preserving affordable housing, giving low-income day care workers the right to organize and obtain health care, and sponsored measures to improve hospital translation services. He established a higher education scholarship fund for relatives of the victims of American Airlines Flight 587, which crashed on November 12, 2001.

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