

1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East today announced its support of Senator Roxanne J. Persaud (D-Brooklyn) in her re-election for 19th Senatorial District in the New York State, which includes Canarsie, East New York, Brownsville, Mill Basin, Sheepshead Bay, Bergen Beach, Marine Park, Flatlands, Mill Island, Georgetown, Ocean Hill, and Starrett City.

“We are proud to endorse Senator Roxanne Persaud because we know she will fight for a healthy and more equitable New York,” said Gabby Seay, 1199SEIU’s Political Director. “Senator Persaud has a strong track record, and we believe she will work to ensure that everyone has access to high-quality healthcare, great public schools, decent housing, and good jobs. She represents interests that are aligned with those of our frontline healthcare workers whether on the job or in the community, and she advocates for our patients.”

As the Chair of the Committee on Social Services, Senator Persaud works daily to provide security and stability for working people. In this time of economic insecurity brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, Senator Persaud voted to ensure the provision of sick leave and paid family leave, and disability benefits for employees subject to mandatory or precautionary orders of quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19.

"I am honored to receive the endorsement and support of the members of 1199SEIU," said Senator Persaud. "1199SEIU members are committed to fighting for the best care and services for all New Yorkers and I commend them for their dedication. I look forward to our continued partnership as we work to maintain quality healthcare as well as good jobs in Brooklyn and beyond."

1199SEIU is the largest union in New York and the largest healthcare worker union in the nation, representing over 450,000 healthcare workers.