

## Andom Ghebreghiorgis, Primary Challenger for Congressional Seat in NY-16, Schedules Digital Town Hall for Tues., March 17; Suspends Canvassing Indefinitely Over Weekend

**March 16, 2020**—Like all other candidates running for election this year in New York, Andom Ghebreghiorgis and his campaign have been canvassing District 16 for the last several weeks to get enough signatures to get on the ballot. Last week, however, Andom Ghebreghiorgis' campaign for Congress postponed all events, recognizing the increasingly acute danger coronavirus presents to Westchester and the Bronx. On Saturday, Governor Cuomo signed an executive order suspending the petitioning period on Tuesday, March 17. Our campaign has also suspended door-to-door canvassing indefinitely, in an effort to maintain the health and safety of our volunteers and constituents.

Andom will hold a Digital Town Hall on Tuesday, March 17, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Zoom. Andom will talk about the coronavirus pandemic, his platform, and other topics that participants want to discuss. (Join by registering here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/AndomTownHall</u>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Town Hall.)

"The coronavirus has demonstrated our need to implement a high-quality, single-payer healthcare system that works for everyone. Healthcare is a human right and a moral necessity," said Andom Ghebreghiorgis. "As nonessential movement and the ability to work becomes limited, the government must provide basic income to all (for food purchases and other basic expenses) and freeze rents, mortgages, evictions, and taxes. We need solutions serving both the humanity of all people and the necessity of testing and caring for the infected/sick."

## About Andom Ghebreghiorgis

Andom Ghebreghiorgis is a first-generation American of Eritrean descent from Mount Vernon, NY. He is running for Congress in NY's 16th District because he could no longer reconcile the disinvestment in the communities he grew up and taught in with the trillions of dollars the US wasted on forever wars and unnecessary prisons.

Andom graduated from Yale with degrees in Political Science and Economics and CCNY with a master's in secondary special education. He worked at the Robin Hood Foundation after college, and then he became a NYC Teaching Fellow in 2009. He taught MS special education at a high-needs public school in the Williams Bridge section of the Bronx, was a special education coordinator/ELA teacher at The Equity Project in Washington Heights, and taught English Writing at a Quaker school in the West Bank. Andom published a children's book *Undercover BMX* last August. He is also active within the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) and the Eritrean human rights organization One Day Seyoum.

Andom's campaign doesn't accept donations from corporate PACs. **To learn about Andom's platform, visit** <u>AndomforNY.com</u>.

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