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Congressional Candidate Andom Ghebreghiorgis NY-16 Receives Endorsement from Local One IATSE, the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees

Campaign's First Labor Endorsement Follows Other Recent Endorsements

March 5, 2020—The campaign of Andom Ghebreghiorgis, progressive candidate for Congress, is proud to announce that Local One IATSE, the oldest entertainment Union in the United States of America, has endorsed him in his run for Congress's NY-16 seat. IATSE Local One's endorsement is the first labor endorsement for the campaign, which is particularly exciting for Andom, as his platform has an extensive plan for revitalizing unions and guaranteeing workers' rights.

"I am strongly in support of unions, so I am grateful for IATSE Local One's endorsement," said Andom Ghebreghiorgis. "Workers must have as much ownership over their own labor as possible, and unions provide crucial bargaining power and potential for collective action for workers. Thank you, Local One IATSE, for the endorsement and for all of the work that you do."

"The 3,500 members of Local One feel there is a unique opportunity to protect the living standards for union members in this country. Our members are hopeful, with Mr. Ghebreghiorgis' efforts, of a reversal in many long years of decline in the programs and policies that have been affected under the current administration," stated James J. Claffey Jr., President, Local One IATSE.

Local One is the largest stagecraft Local in the world, representing the working men and women who install, operate, and service all live theater, live television, industrial events, and theatrical shops throughout the Bronx, Westchester,

Putnam, Nassau, Suffolk Counties, Staten Island, and Manhattan, in the State of New York.

The endorsement from IATSE follows several non-labor endorsements. The community-based North West Bronx Democrats endorsed Andom's campaign last week, as did the Mamaroneck High School Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA). The People for Bernie Sanders is also a key endorsement.

Andom Ghebreghiorgis grew up in Mount Vernon, attended Riverdale's Ethical Culture Fieldston School, Yale University, and City College of NY, becoming a special education teacher. "For my generation of students born after 9/11, all they have known, every year of their life, is war; the threat of climate extinction; and the intractability of wage stagnation, college unaffordability, and income equality," says Andom. "The urgent time for change was yesterday; tomorrow can be better. Join us."

To learn about Andom's platform, please visit AndomforNY.com.

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