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## **Three police unions endorse Heidi Chain**

FOREST HILLS, New York – June 30, 2009 – New York City Council candidate Heidi Chain has spent the last two decades devoting much of her free time to the New York Police Department (NYPD) to enhance police/community relations and to help her neighbors in the 29<sup>th</sup> Council District to address public safety, quality of life and emergency preparedness issues. This dogged determination has paid off in her first campaign for elected office, as Chain was recently endorsed by three NYPD associations: the Captains Endowment Association (CEA), Lieutenants Benevolent Association (LBA) and Sergeants Benevolent Association (SBA).

The CEA, LBA and SBA together represent more than 20,000 active and retired NYPD police officers, and along with other significant [endorsements](#) Chain has received, ranging from the Local 237 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to the CWA Local 1182 to the Associated Musicians of Greater New York to the New York State Association of Auxiliary Police, signals the strength of her appeal to the working families of Queens.

Chain has served as the President of the local 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council for over 13 years. Union leaders cited her service to the people of the city not only as an attorney and Director in the New York City Department of Finance, but also as someone who has taken a special interest in the safety of her community.

“As an attorney for the NYC Department of Finance and the President of the Precinct Council, we feel Heidi has a solid grasp of the daily challenges facing our communities and is the best candidate to improve the quality of life for the people of the City of New York,” said Roy Richter, CEA president.

“Heidi Chain has demonstrated her strong commitment to the working people of New York City for more than 13 years through her involvement and experience as the President of the 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council. Her election will insure that the people of New York will continue to benefit from her professional knowledge and dedicated service,” said Thomas Sullivan, LBA president.

"We feel that you have exemplified the responsibility in your career in public service and for your volunteer efforts on behalf of the residents of the 29th Council District. Your knowledge of local issues is unparalleled and I am confident that you will service your constituents in the 29th Council District with fresh and new ideas" said Ed Mullins, SBA president. "I am honored to receive the endorsement of these great organizations." said Chain. "It is the hard work of the members of the NYPD that make New York City as safe as it is. Throughout my years of service to the community, I have had the privilege of working with the brave and dedicated men and women of the NYPD, and look forward to continuing this wonderful relationship as a member of the City Council."

## **Chain Builds Broad Base of Community Support**

In her first run for political office, Chain is looking to bring her vast experience in city government and has campaigned as someone who works in the community and who stands up for the community. Chain also emphasizes constituent service and responsiveness to the needs of average New Yorkers in this Queens Council District which includes Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Rego Park, and parts of Elmhurst, Maspeth and Richmond Hill.

Chain said: “We can’t afford business as usual and we can’t afford politics as usual. I’ve fought for New Yorkers and helped our residents on a daily basis, and if elected I will do the same in the City Council.” Chain will bring her vast experiences from the Department of Finance working with every city agency to serve our city from day one.

Chain’s platform calls for the elimination of wasteful spending by using city employees rather than outside contractors to perform city services, working with the NYPD to keep our community safe, improving our school system, as well as maintaining senior and youth programs.

The Democratic Primary for the 29<sup>th</sup> City Council District is Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. To learn more about Heidi Chain and her vision for New York City, visit [www.HeidiChain.com](http://www.HeidiChain.com)

### **About the Captains Endowment Association**

The Captains Endowment Association of the NYPD represents members in the rank of Captain, Deputy Inspector, Inspector, Deputy Chief, and Surgeon who work in the New York City Police Department. The CEA’s goal is to improve the working conditions, benefits, and lives of our members as well as helping to improve the quality of life of every New York City resident and visitor to our great City. For more information, please visit <http://www.nypdcea.org>

### **About the Lieutenants Benevolent Association**

The Lieutenants Benevolent Association of the NYPD represents all Lieutenants who work in the New York City Police Department and those Lieutenants who have retired from the NYPD. The LBA’s goal is to improve the working conditions, benefits, and lives of our members as well as helping to improve the quality of life of every New York City resident and visitor to our great City. For more information, please visit <http://www.nypd-lba.org>

### **About the Sergeants Benevolent Association**

The Sergeants Benevolent Association is comprised of approximately 10,000 active and retired sergeants of the New York City Police Department. An independent union, it acts as the collective bargaining unit for those officers during contract negotiations with the City of New York, and manages a variety of other projects – including health and welfare programs, political outreach efforts and community service initiatives – for the benefit of its members and their families. The breadth of the association’s activities is wide, but above all else, the SBA is an advocate for New York’s police sergeants, the officers who stand at the frontline of our nation’s largest metropolitan police department. For more information, please visit <http://www.sbanyc.org>

### **Heidi Chain for NYC City Council**

Heidi Chain is a proven community leader with a history of accomplishment who is running for NYC City Council because the 29<sup>th</sup> Council District deserves a leader who has the knowledge and experience to deliver more for our community by tackling today’s difficult issues head-on. As a first-time candidate, Chain has already been endorsed by more than 10 different organizations representing a wide cross-section of Queens. For more information, please visit <http://www.heidichain.com>