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***Operating Engineers Union Endorses Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar for
Public Advocate***

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said International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE Local 211) President
Matthew Gugliotta*

New York, NY- Today, State Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar, candidate for NYC Public Advocate, announced she has been endorsed by the Allied Building Inspectors International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 211. Support from the union adds to a growing coalition of leaders endorsing Jenifer for Public Advocate as she campaigns to transform the Public Advocate’s Office into a real force for working people.

“In this topsy turvy world where everyday Americans are left behind by government and corporations, we need a Public Advocate who will champion workers. As our next Public Advocate, Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar will be that champion,” said **IUOE Local 211 President and Business Manager Matthew Gugliotta**. “Working people can count on Jenifer to stand by us when the going gets tough. We urge all New Yorkers to join us in supporting Jenifer for Public Advocate.”

“Whatever your politics, we know the status quo does not work for working people,” said **Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar**. “As an advocate, attorney, and elected official, I’ve taken on powerful interests and won — securing protections for workers, shutting down thousands of illegal smoke shops, and making government work for everyday New Yorkers. I’ll transform the Public Advocate’s Office into a real force for working people and fight to make sure New Yorkers get the housing, public safety, and services they deserve.”



The Allied Building Inspectors International Union of Operating Engineers Local 211 represents approximately 1,200 active and retired NYC Buildings Inspectors employed at various City Agencies throughout the five boroughs.

Jenifer has secured endorsements across the regional, ethnic, and ideological spectrum. Her campaign has over one million dollars more cash on hand than incumbent Jumaane Williams. The only woman candidate running citywide to qualify for matching funds so far, Jenifer has \$1,228,617 cash on hand, demonstrating her broad and deep support among the electorate.

While the Public Advocate's office has regrettably served as a little more than a political stepping stone under the incumbent's leadership, Jenifer has vowed to give the office teeth: reigniting its legal functions and performing real oversight and advocacy on behalf of constituents being shortchanged by government and corporations.

About Jenifer:

Jenifer Rajkumar is a history-making leader, attorney, and advocate who delivers bold results for New Yorkers. The first South Asian-American woman ever elected to New York State office, she unseated an 11-year incumbent in a landslide and has built a reputation as a fearless fighter for working people. As an Assemblywoman, she passed nationally recognized legislation securing full human rights protections for domestic workers, made Diwali a school holiday after a 30-year fight, and took down over 36,000 illegal smoke shops statewide by passing her groundbreaking SMOKEOUT Act into law. A champion for public safety, she expanded compensation for crime victims and has led the fight against hate crimes targeting Jewish, Sikh, and Hindu communities — earning national recognition, including support from the White House. A Stanford Law graduate and former civil rights attorney, Rajkumar has won landmark cases for women's equality, fought corporate fraud to save millions in taxpayer dollars, and modernized New York City's contracting process to speed up the construction of affordable housing and critical infrastructure. Previously, as New York's Director of Immigration Affairs, she launched a \$31 million initiative to provide legal services to immigrants. With a deep commitment to working people and justice, Rajkumar is dedicated to building a stronger, safer, and more inclusive New York for all.

Full List of endorsements:

U.S. Congressman Ro Khanna (D-CA)

United States Congressman Shri Thanedar (D-MI)



Mayor Sam Joshi (D-Edison, NJ)

Senator Joe Addabbo (Queens)

Assembly Member Michael Benedetto (Bronx)

Assembly Member Erik Dilan (Brooklyn)

Assembly Member David Weprin (Queens)

Assembly Member Nily Rozic (Queens)

Assembly Member Sam Berger (Queens)

Council Member Bob Holden (Queens)

Hell's Kitchen Democratic Club (Manhattan)

District Leader Joey Saban (Brooklyn)

District Leader Melissa Sklarz (Queens)

District Leader Shimi Pelman (Queens)

District Leader Tammy Oshero (Queens)

District Leader Arleny Alvarado-McCalla (Brooklyn)

District Leader Gurdip Narula

District Leader Heriberto Mateo (Brooklyn)

Saul Weprin Democratic Club (Queens)

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