

Comrie Endorses Katz For Queens Borough President

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Councilman Leroy Comrie has endorsed Melinda Katz for the Democratic nomination in the race to be the next Queens borough president.

Comrie, [who dropped out of the race last month](#), highlighted the specific reasons why he endorsed the former councilwoman over fellow contenders Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. and State Senator Tony Avella.

"Through the years we served together in the City Council, I have witnessed, time and again, the dedication that Melinda Katz has shown advocating for Queens," Comrie said in a statement, according to [DNAinfo](#). "Melinda has a proven track record of advocating for better schools, the creation of affordable and senior housing, and better jobs."

Comrie isn't the first Queens borough president candidate to drop out of the race and throw his support to Katz; Deputy Queens Borough President Barry Grodenchik and state Sen. Jose

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Peralta — both previously in the running — have also endorsed her.

Katz has a slew of other endorsements from the Queens Democratic Party, elected officials and organized labor. Earlier today, The Planned Parenthood of New York City Political Committee also [announced their endorsement of Katz](#) .

[Whereas Katz has an endorsement edge, the other leading candidate in the race — Vallone — has an edge in fundraising.](#)

Everly Brown, a real-estate developer, is also in the Democratic primary.

The winner of the Democratic primary on September 10, will face off against Tony Arcabascio, the lone Republican candidate in the election to replace term-limited Borough President Helen Marshall.

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