

## Union Bets Cash on Candidate in City Council Special Election

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At least one union cares enough about the low-profile special election for Larry Seabrook's former City Council seat in the Bronx to weigh in with its own cash.

1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East has spent over \$4,500 in the race, with most of the money going to pay for a full-color mailer backing candidate Andrew King, [a former community organizer for the union](#)

King "knows that working families and the elderly face real obstacles, especially right now, and we need strong leadership," reads the flier.

The [expenditure was the first disclosed](#) under a city Campaign Finance Board rule that went into effect in May [requiring any group that spends money on behalf of an unaffiliated candidate to disclose its support](#)

Under the rule, expenditures over \$1,000 must be disclosed; expenditures over \$5,000 require groups to disclose contributors.

Besides King, five other candidates are seeking the 12th City Council District seat vacated by Seabrook, who was convicted in late July on corruption charges.

King leads the pack in private funds raised, with over \$28,000 in its campaign account, according to the CFB's website.

Image of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East flier distributed on behalf of Andy King.□

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