

Quinn Gets Endorsement From NOW-NYC

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"What I can tell you is we're going to have a woman mayor," City Council Speaker and Democratic mayoral hopeful Christine Quinn declared with confidence at City Hall yesterday.

She was, of course, speaking about herself, as she recognized the endorsement of the local chapter of the National Organization for Women.

"If you look at my record and what I've done on issues that matter to all New Yorkers, and issues that matter particular to women, I don't think anyone else in the race has the same kind of record that I do," Quinn, who is running for the Democratic nomination, said.

With less than 100 days to the primary election, mayoral candidates have been announcing endorsements almost daily. The endorsement from NOW-NYC is important for Quinn, since she has been criticized in the past for holding up the passage of a paid sick leave law that was supported by prominent women activists.

Quinn managed to hammer out a deal on the bill in March, and the Council passed it 45-to-3 in spite of the mayor's promise to veto it (he did last week).

Quinn and NOW-NYC President Sonia Ossorio ran down the list of the work the Council has undertaken on issues important to women under the speaker's leadership: establishing penalties for drivers involved in sex trafficking; passing laws protecting access to a reproductive health centers; and supporting the growth of women- and minority-owned businesses.

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