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NYC TEACHER MORGAN EVERS ENDORSED BY FORMER NY ATTORNEY GENERAL, ASSEMBLY MEMBER G. OLIVER KOPPELL

Democrat backs 'tenacious' Evers in challenge against his successor for 81st Assembly

NEW YORK— NYC teacher and Bronx community organizer **Morgan Evers** today announced she is endorsed by **G. Oliver Koppell**, the former New York State Attorney General who also represented the 81st Assembly for 24 years until Jeffrey Dinowitz was elected in 1993.

In endorsing Evers for the 81st Assembly over his successor, **Koppell said**: “The tides are turning and we need new voices with the ethics that these times demand and which are sorely lacking in this district. As a lifelong Democrat and someone who held this very office, I am so concerned with the thrust of our national administration. This is why I strongly support Morgan Evers for the New York State Assembly. She brings not only youth and intellect but a fresh perspective as a teacher, mother and person with a disability. She is tenacious and she is who we need.”

“I am so honored and grateful to have the support and endorsement of Oliver Koppell, a trailblazer whose lifelong record in public service has inspired me,” **said Evers**. “Oliver was one of the first to ignite the movement to disband the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC), a coalition of Senate Democrats who caucused for years with Republicans and effectively blocked progressive legislation enabling Republican control of the New York state legislature despite Democratic majorities. The NO IDC campaign to unseat those Democratic senators was how I first got politically involved.”

The IDC was dismantled in 2018 when most of the members lost their re-election bids to progressives, like State Senator Robert Jackson, who endorsed Evers. She is also endorsed by State Senator Gustavo Rivera.

Evers is the former (female) Democratic State Committee member for the 81st Assembly from 2022 through 2024, and mounted her insurgent challenge against the 32-year incumbent Dinowitz on a platform to prioritize working people. Her grassroots campaign is focused on bringing solutions to the affordability crisis impacting housing, childcare and

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small businesses. She is also calling for legislative action to combat threats of federal rollbacks to healthcare, immigrants rights, LGBTQ rights and disability protections.

If elected, Evers will make history as the first blind woman to serve in the state legislature.

Evers is also endorsed by the New York Working Families Party, Jim Owles Democratic Club, Eleanor's Legacy, Run for Something, and the Unity Democratic Club, which she helped found in 2022 with a group of breakaway progressives from the Benjamin Franklin Reform Democratic Club.

The 81st Assembly includes Woodlawn, Van Cortlandt Village, Spuyten Duyvil, Riverdale and parts of Kingsbridge, Norwood and Wakefield in the North Bronx.

The 2026 Democratic primary takes place on June 23 with early voting between June 13 and 21.

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