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NEW YORK COMMUNITIES FOR CHANGE ENDORSES MONDAIRE JONES FOR CONGRESS IN NY-17

***Grassroots organization fighting for low income people of color endorses NY-17
Democratic Congressional candidate Mondaire Jones***

NEW YORK — New York Communities for Change, a grassroots movement that advocates for low-income communities of color, today endorsed NY-17 Democratic Congressional Candidate Mondaire Jones, highlighting his progressive platform and willingness to fight for the big and bold solutions in Congress.

“Mondaire has experienced New York’s affordable housing crisis and the struggles of working class New Yorkers first hand,” said **Jonathan Westin, Executive Director of New York Communities for Change (NYCC)**. “We’re sure he will take these experiences to congress and be a champion for a Green New Deal, funding for schools and public housing, and Medicare for All.”

“I’m proud to be endorsed by New York Communities for Change, an organization that not only fights for low-income communities of color, but does so by standing up to corporate power,” said **NY-17 Congressional Candidate Mondaire Jones**. “This endorsement is personal for me. As a black kid growing up in Section 8 housing and on food stamps, I know what it’s like to be raised in the types of communities for which New York Communities for Change works so tirelessly. This work is incredibly important, but it certainly isn’t easy. I’m honored to stand alongside this progressive organization and I look forward to working with New York Communities for Change to bring about the big, structural changes that our country’s most vulnerable communities so desperately need.”

Mondaire Jones has also been endorsed by Senator Elizabeth Warren, Democracy for America, The LGBT Victory Fund, and The Collective PAC. He recently announced that his campaign raised over \$488,000 in 2019, the most any candidate in his race has announced so far. Unlike many of his opponents, Jones is not accepting corporate PAC money in his campaign and has also signed the No Fossil Fuel Pledge. When elected, Mondaire will make U.S. history as the first openly gay, black member of Congress.

About New York Communities for Change: New York Communities for Change has been building grassroots political power with low-income communities of color since 2010. NYCC members are agents of change, leading movements and campaigns from their neighborhoods to nationwide, fighting corporate power at its core. NYCC members struggle joyfully and confidently with our allies against racist structures and economic policies that continue to extract wealth from our labor.

About Mondaire: Mondaire Jones is a 32-year-old former litigator in the Westchester County Law Department and former Department of Justice staffer during the Obama Administration. A resident of South Nyack, he is running to represent New York's 17th Congressional District. A product of East Ramapo public schools, Mondaire was raised in Section 8 housing and on food stamps in the Village of Spring Valley by a single mother who worked multiple jobs to provide for their family. He later graduated from Stanford University and Harvard Law School. He is a co-founder of the nonprofit Rising Leaders, Inc. and has previously served on the NAACP's National Board of Directors and on the board of the New York Civil Liberties Union. Mondaire is a progressive running to fight for bold solutions to our biggest problems: a Green New Deal, tuition-free public college and student debt forgiveness, Medicare for All, and a full restoration of the SALT deduction for families in Westchester and Rockland.

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