



Ithaca Police Benevolent Association, AFL-CIO
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Mr. Mike Sigler
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Thomas Condzella
President

Dear Mr. Sigler,

Michael Meskill
Vice President

Thank you again for your inquiry and request for a political endorsement from the hardworking men and women of the Ithaca Police Benevolent Association. I hope this message finds you and your family in good health and spirits as you continue your campaign for public office as a New York State Senator in District 52.

Kaitlyn Bliss
Sergeant at Arms

James Davenport
Treasurer

As the President of the Ithaca PBA, I am pleased to notify you that membership of the PBA recently voted unanimously to endorse your candidacy for office in the New York State Senate. This decision was not taken lightly by the PBA, nor was it made in haste. As support for Ithaca's law enforcement professionals and organized workers in general is paramount to the overall success and safety of our community, it's important that I share with you some factors that contributed to this endorsement.

Mary Orsaio
Secretary

Dana Haff
Trustee

Your continued steadfast support for Ithaca Police Officers and local law enforcement in general weighed heavily into our decision to grant you this endorsement. Over the past several years through our tragedies, challenges, and triumphs, you continue to show up. Sometimes even without asking, you have stood with Ithaca Police Officers time and time again, in recognition of the difficult job we do and the dangers we face, even when it wasn't politically popular or easy to do so. This was especially apparent during local "reimagining public safety" efforts that at one time, placed the future of the Ithaca Police Department and our community's safety in jeopardy. Having you stand with us, denouncing the proposed abolishment of the IPD, while also supporting practical and meaningful reform efforts, was noticed by the membership of the PBA. That was an extremely difficult time for our community and your support for Ithaca Police Officers was recognized by our membership, it is also something that will never be forgotten.

Zach Vinti
Trustee

Greg Herz
Trustee

Zach Dorn
Trustee

Additionally, your ability and openness to acknowledging the rights of police officers as members of organized labor, was also significant in our decision to award you this endorsement. There has been a recent push by some politicians to drive a wedge between police unions and other facets of organized labor, in a continued effort to misrepresent our profession and drive us out of the labor movement entirely. Not only have you supported us as members of law enforcement, but you also have supported our rights and standing as organized workers in many ways over the years. That, along with your support of local unions and public workers in general also contributed to our unanimous vote to support you.

Congratulations on this achievement and thank you for the important work you continue to do in our community each day. We wish you great success in the upcoming election and look forward to continue working with you in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Condzella
President

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