

# WE ACT 4 Change

## WE ACT 4 Change Endorses Five Candidates in the 2021 New York City Primary Elections

First Endorsements of New Political Arm of WE ACT for Environmental Justice

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**NEW YORK** — WE ACT 4 Change (WE ACT), the new political arm of WE ACT for Environmental Justice, today announced its endorsements of five candidates in the 2021 New York City primary elections. The organization has been conducting candidate forums in partnership with WE ACT for Environmental Justice, and based its endorsements on factors such as the candidate’s commitment to and track record on addressing environmental and climate justice issues.

In citywide positions, WE ACT endorses **Mark Levine for Manhattan Borough President** and **Jumaane Williams for Public Advocate**. For the City Council positions in Northern Manhattan, WE ACT endorses **Shaun Abreu for District 7**, **Cordell Cleare for District 9**, and **Carmen De La Rosa for District 10**.

“We are impressed by the quality of the many of the candidates running for office, and I have worked with many of them in various capacities over the years, which made the decisions even more difficult,” explained Peggy Shepard, Executive Director of WE ACT 4 Change. “But the candidates we have endorsed understand the disproportionate impact that climate change and other environmental issues have on communities of color, and expressed a commitment to work with us in developing equitable solutions to these challenges. If you seek environmental justice, these are the candidates who can best help achieve that in New York City.”

WE ACT has two more candidate events in the coming days and may make additional endorsements after they are completed.

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WE ACT 4 Change was formed earlier this year to build and leverage political power in the fight to achieve environmental and climate justice for communities in Northern Manhattan. As a 501(c)(4) nonprofit registered in New York State, WE ACT 4 Change can take direct political action, which is not something WE ACT for Environmental Justice can do as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. In addition to endorsing political candidates, it is currently conducting voter and civic engagement activities and will also lobby for policies and programs as well as hold elected officials accountable.

“Our community needs an active voice in who gets elected to these positions, to ensure that they are willing to take bold and swift action on these issues. The future of our climate and our community depends on it,” added Shepard.

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**WE ACT 4 Change, Inc.** is the 501(c)(4) political arm of WE ACT for Environmental Justice, a Northern Manhattan membership-based 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to build healthy communities by ensuring that people of color and/or low-income residents participate meaningfully in the creation of sound and fair environmental health and protection policies and practices.