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State Senator Brian A. Benjamin Raises Nearly \$200,000 Since January in Campaign for Comptroller; Fully Qualifies for Matching Funds Program

- **With 1,398 contributors from NYC and \$147,202 of his fundraising eligible for matching funds, Benjamin's campaign easily surpasses requirement of 500 NYC contributors and \$125,000 in matching-eligible dollars to qualify for the program.**
- **Campaign has raised over \$450,000 in total and has nearly \$400,000 still on hand; with projected matching funds, has nearly \$1.7 million in estimated available funds nearly one year before Primary Election.**

(HARLEM, NY) Today, State Senator Brian A. Benjamin announced his campaign for New York City Comptroller has raised \$195,386 since January, bringing his total raised to date to \$462,327, after entering the race in October of 2019.

Benjamin has received donations from 1,894 contributors for his campaign, with over half of all contributors giving \$50 or less. Benjamin's campaign continues to draw enthusiastic support from working New Yorkers hailing from every corner of the city.

“We’re grateful and humbled by all the New Yorkers who chose to support and believe in our campaign in these difficult times for our city. I will be ready on day one to serve as the chief financial officer of New York City and to chart a course for our pension fund’s long-term financial health to ensure that working New Yorkers’ retirements are always protected,” said Brian Benjamin.

About Brian Benjamin:

Brian Benjamin is running for Comptroller to chart a new course for New York’s financial future in these difficult times, one that protects New Yorkers’ retirements while upholding the values of decency and justice for all.

As a member of the New York State Senate, Benjamin has been a leader on passing fiscal measures that reflect strong moral urgency. Benjamin successfully fought to divest the state’s public pension funds from for-profit prisons, and his Rainy Day Fund law will ensure that New York City can meet its financial obligations when the next crisis hits. If elected Comptroller, Benjamin would work to ensure that New Yorkers’ retirements are protected, that agencies like NYCHA, DOE and the MTA face sufficient oversight, and that investments in the pension fund reflect New York City values.

Brian Benjamin was born in Harlem raised by Caribbean immigrants who came to this country seeking opportunity. He holds a degree in Public Policy from Brown and a Master’s in Business from Harvard. After earning his MBA, he returned to Harlem to start his career. As an affordable-housing developer, Benjamin helped create over one thousand units of environmentally sustainable, affordable housing. In 2017 he was elected to serve as State Senator to New York’s 30th Senate District.