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PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ENDORSES VALLONE FOR MAYOR

First Mayoral Endorsement in More than a Decade Gives Vallone Strongest Law Enforcement Credentials

New York – New York City's Patrolmen's Benevolent Association – representing 26,000 active members of the NYPD and 21,000 retired police officers – endorsed Peter Vallone for Mayor today. The announcement represents the PBA's first mayoral endorsement in more than a decade.

“The PBA is proud to endorse Peter Vallone for Mayor,” declared President Patrick J. Lynch. “The men and women of the PBA represent the front lines in the City's fight against crime. They are the troops that have brought down crime, and they know better than anyone how important it is to have a mayor who is committed to keeping the city safe. In the early 1990's, Peter Vallone took a courageous step and created the Safe Streets/Safe City program, which put 10,000 more cops on the street. As Mayor, he'll stay tough on crime and keep the streets safe for all New Yorkers. We can't afford to go back to the days of high crime – and, with Peter Vallone as Mayor, I know we won't.”

“I am truly honored to have the support of the PBA,” said Vallone. “The men and women of the PBA have made this City safe again. When they speak, New Yorkers who care about safe streets listen – and that is why this endorsement is so important. As Mayor, I will stay tough on crime and deploy police officers so that they are ambassadors of goodwill. In addition, I will live up to the City's obligation to pay police competitive wages. The police keep our neighborhoods safe, and we should do all we can to help them afford to live in those neighborhoods.”

The PBA joins the Captains Endowment Association, Lieutenants Benevolent Association, Sergeants Benevolent Association, and Detectives Endowment Association in supporting Vallone's bid for Mayor, and gives Vallone the unanimous support of the City's major police unions. This endorsement expands Vallone's broad-based labor coalition to more than 299,000 union members.

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