

Rory Lancman for State Assembly

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Press Release

South Asian Leaders Endorse Democratic District Leader Rory Lancman For State Assembly Seat In Queens

Yesterday, February 25, 2006, Democratic District Leader Rory Lancman was endorsed by an array of South Asian leaders in the 25th Assembly District, including leaders from virtually every South Asian institution in the 25th Assembly District: both Sikh Temples (the Sikh Cultural Society Temple and the Baba Makhhan Shah Labana Temple), the Jamaica Muslim Center, the Gujarati Samaj, and all three South Asian members of Community Board 8.

"I am both honored and thrilled to receive the endorsement of so many South Asian leaders in the 25th Assembly District, many of whom I have worked with for years as a civic leader and Democratic District Leader," stated Rory Lancman. He added, "These leaders represent the spectrum of South Asian life in the 25th District -- Sikh, Hindu and Muslim; Indian and Bangladeshi; civic, political and religious. Together with Assemblyman Brian McLaughlin and my co-District Leader Uma Sengupta, I have worked very hard for a number of years to bring more South Asians into the political process, and I am very gratified to have so much support in the South Asian community."



District Leader Uma Sengupta is also gratified by the strong showing of South Asian leaders endorsing Rory Lancman, stating "Assemblyman McLaughlin and Rory Lancman brought me into politics as the first elected South Asian official in New York. I have worked with Rory Lancman for many years and he is genuine, honest, hardworking and cares for the community. Rory Lancman has very strong ties to the Indian, Bangladeshi and Guyanese communities, but his vision is broader than serving this particular community or that: Rory wants to tie all the communities into one community, the American community, our adopted homeland."

Endorsing Rory Lancman today was (from left to right in the above photo): Jagir Singh Baines, a member of Community Board 8 and a board member of the Sikh Cultural Society Temple in Richmond Hill; G.P. Singh, a member of the Sikh Cultural Society Temple and a public school teacher; Dhan Singh, a former board member of the Sikh Cultural Society Temple; Bhupinder Singh Bopari, president of the Sikh Cultural Society Temple; Harbichan Singh, a member of Community Board 8 who also represented the president of the Baba Makhhan Shah Labana Temple in Richmond Hill; Democratic District Leader At-Large Mohammad Aminullah, who is also Chairman of the Board of the Asian American Democratic Association and a founding member of the Jamaica Muslim Center on 168th Street in the district; Arul Shah from the Gujarati Samaj on the Horace Harding Expressway at 174th Street in the district; Arun Vora from the Gujarati Samaj, who read a letter of support from Gujarati Samaj president Jyotindra Patel. Not pictured is Community Board 8 member Dilafroz Ahmed, who was delayed at another event but sent her support.

In addition to the above photo, a video clip of the introduction of the press conference is available on the campaign's website at www.lancman.com/press.htm

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