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**BLACK, LATINO, AND ASIAN CAUCUS**  
**CALLS FOR SPEAKER OF COLOR IN 2018**

**New York, NY** – "As we approach the end of the 2014-2017 legislative term, the Council looks toward the future at the work that awaits it. Our nation faces threats to civil liberties, healthcare access, and public safety, and it is our responsibility to protect New York City from the harmful policies that exacerbate these problems.

For these reasons, the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus finds it imperative that New York City continue to be served by leaders who reflect our city's values, vision, and demographics. Therefore, we wish to assure our communities that we remain united in our call for a Speaker of color for the 2018-2021 legislative term.

In 2014, we were proud to elect one of our own caucus Members to the speakership. Since then, Speaker Mark-Viverito has worked tirelessly securing justice in the courts and prisons, uplifting the voices of young women and immigrant New Yorkers, and delivering crucial victories for vulnerable communities in the last four city budgets. We are excited to witness the continuation of this trailblazing work by a new Speaker who understands and represents the diversity that makes our city great.

We are proud of and grateful for the work that *all* of the candidates have done on behalf of our city. All of our communities are truly better for it, and we look forward to continuing our work towards equity with all of them in the next term."

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