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The son of an ironworker and a homemaker, born in the Bronx and raised in public housing, Rep. Engel is a major progressive Democratic leader who chairs the Foreign Affairs Committee and has fought for the rights of women, organized labor, immigrants, our minority communities, and LGBTQ Americans for three decades.

## Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Congresswoman Maxine Waters Endorse Eliot Engel

By BRIAN HARROD

NEW YORK - Solidifying his support across Democratic Congressional leadership, Congressman Eliot Engel was endorsed by Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Congresswoman Maxine

Waters, both of California.

The lawmakers cited Congressman Engel's "extraordinary progressive record of service to New York and the nation" and pledged support for his reelection campaign in the 16th District, which includes parts of the Bronx and Westchester.

The announcements increased the momentum among Congressman Engel's Democratic colleagues: last week, the Congressional Black Caucus endorsed his reelection.

"I firmly support Eliot Engel for Congress," said Speaker Pelosi.

"I think the people of New York are very blessed to have him in the Congress. Chairman Engel is the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee. He also has unique privilege

of being both the chairman of Foreign Affairs and a senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee. That's a lot of power."

"Time and again, when his voice has been needed on civil rights, equality for women, gun safety legislation, the minimum wage, affordable housing, and our environment Eliot has always been there, helping to lead the way," said Congresswoman Waters.

"He's a true progressive. We absolutely need to return his experience and deep commitment to Congress - particularly now as we fight to take back the White House."

Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY) is seeking re-election in the 16th District of New York, including the north Bronx and southern Westchester.