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### **Yonkers Democratic Party Pulls Endorsement of Mike Khader in City Council President Race**

Yonkers, NY – June 17, 2021 - In an unprecedented move the Yonkers Democratic Party withdrew its endorsement for incumbent City Council President Mike Khader, citing its concerns over allegations by a staff member concerning fair and equal treatment of women employees over male employees.

In a special meeting of the Executive Committee (the Ward Leaders and Elected Officers of the Party) last night, the discussion focused around national, state, and local democratic positions that promote fair and equal treatment for all Americans and all workers, and the committee expressed serious concern that these allegations were a contradiction to its core values as a party.

**The committee voted unanimously to call for an investigation and by super majority to withdraw its endorsement of Khader.**

“These actions are not taken lightly, the committee discussed them for two hours before voting to pull its endorsement”, said Chairman Thomas Meier. “The Yonkers Democratic Committee is concerned enough about both allegations to withdraw its endorsement and call for investigations into the reported text messages to Executive Officers of the Party, members of the current administration, City employees and possibly others”.

In another part of the discussion, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to call for an investigation by the District Attorney into allegations of voter intimidation by the Khader Campaign and to call on the Khader Campaign to publicly condemn the actions of voter intimidation that his campaign staff has allegedly been engaging in.

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