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## **BRONX BORO PRESIDENT CANDIDATE RUBEN DIAZ, JR. TO NAME ASSEMBLYWOMAN AURELIA GREENE NEXT DEPUTY BOROUGH PRESIDENT**

*– Assemblyman Diaz, Says He Will Tap  
Dean of Bronx Elected Officials to Serve as Deputy Borough President –*

Bronx, NY, April 8, 2009 – At a forum of the Bronx Unity Democratic Club, NYS Assemblyman Ruben Diaz, Jr., candidate for Bronx Borough President, announced that he would appoint Assemblywoman Aurelia Greene the next Deputy Bronx Borough President if he were to win the Special Election on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Assemblyman Diaz is widely considered the odds-on favorite in the race.

“I am honored that Assemblywoman Aurelia Greene has agreed to serve in my administration should I win the Special Election for Bronx Borough President on April 21<sup>st</sup>,” said Assemblyman Diaz, Jr. “Aurelia Greene will be an outstanding Deputy Borough President. Her leadership and experience in meeting the diverse needs of Bronx communities will be an invaluable asset as we work together to improve the quality of life for the people of our great Borough.

“Throughout her distinguished career, Aurelia Greene has been a champion for Bronxites and for all New Yorkers. She has been on the front lines fighting for tolerance and understanding among all peoples, and she has been a champion for women, children and families; tenants and homeowners; students and teachers; youth and seniors; and consumers, workers and job-creating businesses in the Bronx. She will bring to bear her distinguished record of accomplishment and leadership in our efforts to bring the Bronx to a new level,” said Assemblyman Diaz.

“I am excited about the opportunity to work with the next Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr., who will bring dynamic new energy to Borough Hall,” said Assemblywoman Greene. “I look forward to working with him to implement his vision for a revitalized Bronx. As Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr. will balance the needs and desires of our local communities with sensible, job-creating policies that benefit us all. I am thrilled at the chance to help him implement that vision and to make the Bronx an even better place to live, work, or visit for all of us,” she said.

The *Speaker Pro Tempore* of the New York State Assembly and the dean of the Bronx delegation to the State Legislature, Assemblywoman Greene is a universally respected, effected, and admired legislator. She has represented the 77<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in the Bronx since 1982, serving as Deputy Majority Leader, the first African-American ever to hold the post, and as Chair of the Assembly Banking Committee, the first woman ever to lead that powerful panel.

During the course of her career in the Legislature, Assemblywoman Greene led the way

in securing passage of many laws including a measure to prohibit predatory lending practices in relation to high-cost home loans, the Motor Vehicle Leasing Act, a bill to support and regulate apprenticeships registered by the NYS Labor Department, and bicycle helmet safety legislation. A native Bronxite with a degree in Community Development from Livingston College at Rutgers University, Assemblywoman Aurelia Greene has drawn on her background in urban planning to advocate for affordable housing, tenants' rights, and homeowners, improved infrastructure, and more and better jobs and opportunities for small businesses. She is also a tireless champion for public education and quality, accessible health care.

In recognition of her leadership, Assemblywoman Greene has earned the NAACP's Woman of the Year Award; the Morrisania Education Council's Distinguished Community Leadership Award; the New York State's Brotherhood Award, given to an elected official who promotes brotherhood by word and deed; Alpha Kappa Alpha's Organizational Impact Award; and many other notable honors. She was married to the late Reverend Jerome A. Greene, a prominent minister, administrator and educator in the Bronx. She has two children, Rhonda and Russell, and five grandchildren.

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