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## Boston Hospitality Workers Endorse Darrin Howell for State Representative

*10,000-strong UNITE HERE Local 26 cites community organizer's action-oriented approach,  
commitment to working families*

DORCHESTER – Boston-area hospitality workers today enthusiastically endorsed [community organizer Darrin Howell](#) to be the next State Representative for the 5th Suffolk District, citing his years of front-line efforts on behalf of Dorchester and Roxbury families.

“Darrin Howell has been a fighter for working people his whole life – he’s exactly who we need in the State House right now,” said Brian Lang, UNITE HERE Local 26 President. “Boston’s hotel and food workers are proud and excited to endorse Darrin for State Representative.”

Representing nearly 10,000 hospitality workers in Dorchester, Roxbury and beyond, [UNITE HERE Local 26](#) is one of the most diverse and politically-active organizations in Boston. Local 26 members work in some of the area’s leading hotels, restaurants, and university dining halls – in addition to the Boston Convention Centers, Fenway Park and Logan International Airport. Howell recently joined the union on the picket lines as hotel and food workers [launched one of their biggest days of action in more than a decade](#). Under the “One Job Should Be Enough” banner, hundreds rallied across the city for better wages and safer working conditions outside of area Marriott-operated hotels.

A long-time organizer for workers’ rights and strong communities, Howell is known for his near-constant presence on the front lines, leading marches, rallies and grassroots lobby days to advance key priorities -- from living wages and fair leave policies to criminal justice reform and investments in education.

“No matter what the cause, UNITE HERE members have never been afraid to stand up, speak out and demand action,” said Howell. “One job should absolutely be enough to support a family, and it’s an honor to stand alongside these incredible women and men in the fight for an economy that works everyone.”

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*UNITE HERE Local 26 represents workers in the hospitality industries of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Our members work in some of Boston's best hotels, restaurants, and university dining halls – in addition to the Boston Convention Centers, Fenway Park and Logan International Airport. We clean hotel rooms, greet guests, and prepare and serve food for hundreds of thousands of travelers to Boston and the northeast. Learn more at <http://local26.org>.*