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Passing of Harlem Environmental Activist Cecil Corbin-Mark

Cecil Corbin-Mark, a leading environmental advocate from Harlem who organized communities to push for health protections and climate action as deputy director of the group WE ACT for Environmental Justice, passed away suddenly on Thursday. In response, Nick Sifuentes, Executive Director of Tri-State Transportation Campaign, released the following statement:

“I am shocked and saddened by the loss of our dear colleague and friend, Cecil Corbin-Mark. Cecil was a relentless, dedicated advocate for Harlem and for New York City, and his power and presence will be greatly missed. His work to improve our local environment, especially his work on air quality in Manhattan, improved the lives of so many people. Cecil has left us too soon, but in his time he has made the kind of impact to which most of us can only aspire.

“Cecil was always thoughtful and selfless, from the day we met to our very last text exchange a few weeks ago, when he reached out to see if he could be helpful on one of our campaigns. And as a Harlem resident, I always felt better knowing Cecil was working tirelessly to make our community a greener, healthier place.

“Cecil may be gone, but he leaves a tremendous legacy behind: today and always, hundreds of thousands of Harlem residents can breathe cleaner air thanks to Cecil's work.”

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Tri-State Transportation Campaign is a 27-year old advocacy organization that fights for an equitable, safe, multi-modal transportation network that provides options and supports the economies of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. TSTC works to fix our commutes, meet our climate goals, stop traffic deaths, and make transportation fair.