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Governor Hochul Picks State Senator Brian Benjamin, “A Son of Harlem,” as Lieutenant Governor

*On Thursday, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that Brian Benjamin, a Democratic state senator from Harlem, will fill the second highest-ranking role in New York’s government. In response, **Renae Reynolds, Executive Director of Tri-State Transportation Campaign**, released the following statement:*

“We commend Governor Hochul for picking Brian Benjamin as her second-in-command. Mr. Benjamin, is an African American, Harlem native, who will bring diversity of both background and geography to the administration. After representing Harlem, an environmental-justice community, in the state senate, we look forward to the perspective Mr. Benjamin will bring to his new post. We also look forward to working with him to ensure better public health outcomes in communities that face disproportionate disparities across the State.”

“As a top priority, New York City’s congestion pricing plan is mission critical for generating a new revenue stream for the MTA, reducing traffic congestion in Manhattan, and cutting greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality in vulnerable communities. As the city recovers from the Covid-19 pandemic, the new governor and lieutenant governor must move quickly to implement congestion pricing fully and fairly, provide more frequent subway, bus, and commuter rail service, and build out a more accessible transit network.”

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