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## **Former New York Attorney General Robert Abrams Endorses Letitia “Tish” James**

*Cites Tish’s Independence and Commitment to Fighting Corruption*

NEW YORK -- Calling the New York State Attorney General’s office “more important today than at any time in its history,” former four-term Attorney General Robert Abrams today announced his endorsement of Democratic Attorney General nominee Letitia “Tish” James.

In his endorsement, Mr. Abrams -- who served as Attorney General from 1979 to 1993 -- highlighted Tish’s experience serving New Yorkers, her knowledge of the Attorney General’s office, her independence, and her drive to take on Donald Trump, root out corruption, and protect New Yorkers. For a photo of the endorsement press conference, click [here](#).

“I am proud to support Tish James for Attorney General -- she has the credentials, experience, ability, and independence to do an excellent job. This office is more important today than at any time in its history. We need an Attorney General who will provide leadership and action in dealing with the disgraceful corruption that has permeated Albany, in protecting the environment, in standing up for consumers and investors, in defending a woman’s right to choose and enforcing the civil rights and liberties of all New Yorkers,” said former Attorney General Robert Abrams.

“We need an Attorney General who will stand up to Donald Trump and his agencies when they overstep and threaten our rights. We need an Attorney General who understands the office’s important defensive role representing state agencies and defending our government,” Mr. Abrams added. “We need an Attorney General who will maintain the tradition of hiring on the merits, continuing to attract outstanding talent -- while remaining non-partisan and professional. Tish James has the ability and commitment to do all of that, and to do it well.”

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“From standing up to polluters, to protecting consumers from fraud, to taking on employment discrimination, and more, Bob Abrams’ record of achievement speaks for itself. That work continues to this day, with the Attorney General’s Office committed to improving the lives of all New Yorkers. Our state is better for his years of service, and I am honored to earn his endorsement today,” said Democratic Attorney General nominee Letitia **“Tish” James**.

Mr. Abrams was New York State Attorney General for 15 years. He left a legacy of activism and consumer advocacy and was perhaps best known for using the powers of the office to protect consumers, the environment, and workers, as well as for his national leadership, having served as President of the National Association of Attorneys General. The Justice Building on the Albany Mall, which houses the Attorney General’s office, the New York State Court of Claims, and the Appellate Division Third Department, was renamed The Robert Abrams Building for Law and Justice in recognition of his outstanding service to the people of New York State.

### **About Public Advocate Letitia “Tish” James**

Letitia “Tish” James is the nominee of the Democratic, Working Families and Independence parties for New York Attorney General, running to fight for New Yorkers’ rights and to hold powerful interests, including Donald Trump, accountable. As Public Advocate, Tish serves as a watchdog over New York City government agencies and as an advocate and lawyer for the City’s most overlooked communities. She is a former public defender, Assistant Attorney General, and two-term New York City Council Member. In 2013, she became the first woman of color elected to citywide office. If elected Attorney General, she would become the first woman of color to hold statewide office in New York. A proud Brooklynite, she is a graduate of CUNY Lehman College, and has a law degree from Howard University School of Law.

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