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Family Members and Supporters Cite the Mayor's Continued Support of Our Country's Troops Overseas and Veterans Returning Home as Major Reasons Behind Endorsement

The Chinese-American Military Family Association (CAMFA) and the Chinese-American "Yellow Ribbon" Home Front (CAYRHF) today announced their endorsement of Mayor Bloomberg's re-election bid. Both organizations were founded on March 20th, 2003, the day after American troops were deployed to Iraq. CAMFA was founded by 60+ Chinese-American families in New York City who had family members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. CAYRHF was founded by Chinese-American New Yorkers who wanted to support the troops, but who did not have any family members serving overseas. Both organizations work together to offer an emotional support base and any other types of assistance that family members of service members overseas may require.

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"With many of our loved ones serving their country overseas, we need leaders at home who understand the sacrifices made by both our military members and their families," said Christina Chiou, President of CAMFA. "Mayor Bloomberg has always stood with our troops and their families - now we stand with him."

"As our wars continue overseas, many of our politicians seem to have forgotten the sacrifices of the men and women who serve on the frontlines - Mike Bloomberg is not one of these politicians," said Quen Ying Lam. "My son died for our country, he died for what it stands for, and he died so that our freedoms at home are protected. Mike Bloomberg understands this ultimate sacrifice, and I have witnessed all he has done to help both active duty and veteran members of all the branches of our military."

Mrs. Lam of Bayside is the mother of Jeffrey Lam, a U.S. Marine Lance Corporal assigned to the 6th Communications Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Marine Corps Reserve, Brooklyn, N.Y who was killed in action in Anbar province, Iraq on Nov 8, 2004.

For active duty service members, the Administration has worked to make the transition from stateside to overseas easier. The City currently has a program in place to make up the difference in pay for reservists who are city workers and called to active duty. In addition, Mayor Bloomberg recently announced a new initiative to send care packages to some 8,000 New Yorkers serving overseas.

"As residents of this great country, and beneficiaries of the safety our military provides us, we are duty-bound to do all that we can to help all of our members of the United States Armed Forces," said Mayor Bloomberg. "These soldiers, marines, airmen and sailors all deserve a government who recognizes their sacrifices and constantly works to provide them with a better life when they return home from duty. New York has over 70,000 veterans from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and over 400,000 veterans in total - and my Administration will not forget them."

Mike understands the importance of taking care of the veterans who have served our country. He created a joint task force to end veteran homelessness in New York City, and opened the first ever veterans-only homeless shelter, the Borden Avenue Veterans Residence in Queens, established in the United States. The City has also implemented a home ownership program to benefit veterans of the armed services. This plan would give veterans a 30% preference on homes that have gone into foreclosure by the federal government and are being restored by the City.

The Mayor has been endorsed by numerous individuals and organizations including: Mayor Ed Koch, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Newark Mayor Cory Booker, Washington D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy, Congressman Gary Ackerman, New York State Senators Frank Padavan, Andy Lanza and Marty Golden, former City Councilmember Madeline Provenzano, Borough President James Molinaro, Assemblyman Lou Tobacco, Assemblywoman Barbara Clark, Councilman Eric Ulrich, Crown Heights Youth Collective President Richard Greene; Boris Kandov of the Bukharian Jewish Congress; Rick Miranda of the Brooklyn Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Charito Cisneros, Sergeants Benevolent Association; Woo Chul Kwak, President of the Korean Garment Manufacturer Association of New York; Jae Bok Choi, President of the Korean Construction Association of New York; Moshe Zakheim, President of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush; Women's Cosmetology Chamber of Commerce; Panamanian and Ethnic American Veterans Political Action Committee; Mexican business and community leaders Juan Rojas Campos and Joel Magallan; President of the Federation of Italian American Organizations Frank Naccarato; Chairman of the Federation of Italian American Organizations Jack Spatola; Whoopi Goldberg; David Mixner; Jose Feliciano; Demetrius Kalamaras, President of the Federation of Hellenic Societies; Denisse Oller, former news anchor for Univision and Telemundo; Cav. Peter Cardella of the Peter Cardella Senior Center; Maria Thomson of the Greater Woodhaven Development Corporation; Tania Broschart of the Middle Village Chamber of Commerce; Sal Candla of the Middle Village Property Owners Association; The New York 10-13 Association; Alfred Placeres, President of the New York State Federation of Hispanic Chambers of Commerce; members of the Dominican community including: Rafael Figuereo and Libio Sanchez; influential community members in Riverdale including: Miriam Westheimer, immediate past president of the YM-YWHA; and Terry Connaughton, owner of the Riverdale Steakhouse. LGBT Community Leaders including: Richard Socarides, attorney and former Special Assistant to President Clinton; Florent Morellet, community activist and eponymous restaurateur; Isaac Mizrahi, clothing designer; Tim Gunn, Board Member - Gay Men's Health Crisis and Host of "Project Runway"; Dennis DeLeon, Executive Staff President - Latino Commission on AIDS; and Cherry Jones, Broadway actress & President Taylor on "24"; Filipina Leaders led by Vivian Velasco, Past President and Member of the Board of Directors of the Philippine New York JAYCEES (Junior Chamber International); Ma. Cristina Ramos, Presidential Adviser and Member of the Board of Directors of the Philippine New York JAYCEES; Peter Papanicolaou, President of the Cyprus Federation of America; The Crown Heights PAC; George Herrera, Former President of U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Victoria Baxa, Liturgy Chairperson of Simbang Gabi Sa Katedral,

Incorporated; Carmencita "Menchee" Fulgado, Ph.D and Founder and Chair Emeritus of the PhilAm Association of Immaculate Conception Church; Citywide African Leaders led by Imam Souleimane Konate, Maboussou Traore; Kane Mamadou, President of African Cab Drivers Association of NY; Ngande Ambroise from the Cameroon community in New York City; Habissatou Bah, Vice President, of United Malian Women's Association; Fuad Maygag, Political Affairs Advisor, from the Republic of Somalia; Naulin Mombo, President of the Gaboneze Association of New York; Poudia Kabory, Vice President of Gaboneze Association of New York; Siredione Conde, President of the African Day Parade; Tahirou Sawadodo, from the Burkina Faso community in New York City; Imam Muhammad Saitou of the Bilal Mosque in the Bronx and also from the Togo community in New York City; Beliard Lucien, President of African Caribbean Television; Mahamadou Keita, President of the United Council of Mali; Elhadji Ndao, President of Seno Africa Radio and also from the Senegal community in New York City; Ecuatimes; The New York Page; The Queens Courier; Impacto Latin News; New York Community Times; El Especial & El Especialito; Queens Chronicle; Jewish Press; The Irish Voice; SinoVision; China Press; New York Department of Correction Hispanic Society; community leaders Joyce S. Johnson and Virginia L. Montague; the Republican Parties of Brooklyn, Staten Island, Queens, the Bronx and Manhattan; the New York City Independence Party; Boris Pincus, President of the Brooklyn Regan Republican Club; NYC Log Cabin Republicans; The High-Way Democrats; OPEIU, United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 1500; The Mason Tenders District Council of New York; Workers United; IATSE; Local 12 Heat and Frost Insulators Union; 32BJ SEIU; United Association Local One; Teamsters Joint Council 16; NARAL; New Era Democrats; Members of the Jewish Community Council of Marine Park: Jason Sharf, Yehoshua Gelbstein, Steven Spitzer, Steven Traube and Victor Shine; Aldo's Independent Democratic Club, NY League of Conservation Voters; Sandy Aboulafia, President of the Midwood Civic Action Council; Joann Hsieh, President of the Chinese American Business Women's Association; Robin Mui, CEO of the Singtao Daily Newspaper; Loida Lewis, Trustee of the National Federation of Filipino American Association (NFFAA); Meilin Tan, President of the Small Business Owners of Greater New York; Peter Koo, President of the Flushing Chinese Business Association; Inderjit Singh, Executive Chair of the South Asian Community Council; Stephen Chen, Chair of the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans; Joe Ramos, NY Chapter President of the National Federation of Filipino American Association; Donald Hong, Board Member of the Chinese American Planning Council; Thomas Sim, President of NY Chapter of the National Association of Asian American Professionals; Chuen Ti Chan, Acting Chairman of the Fukien American Association; Tony Yau, Executive Vice President of the Fukien American Association; Justin Yu, President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce; Yong Hwa Ha, President, Korean American Association of Greater New York, Giho Kim, Executive Director of the Korean American Counseling Center; Kwang Chul Chun of the Korean American Merchandise Association of NY; Mr. Ki Chol Kim, Former President of Korean American Association of Greater New York (KAAGNY); Yong Sun Kim, President of the Korean Nail Salon Association, Michael Landau, Chairman of the Council of Jewish Organizations of the West Side; Richard B. Stone, Columbia University law professor and Jewish advocate; Rabbi Joseph Karasick, former President of the Orthodox Union; Shea Schwebel, Alexander Scharf, Y. David Scharf, Dr. David Diamond, Samuel Yellin, Oliver Mitchell and Elliot Gibber. Numerous religious leaders and minister are also supporting the Mayor for his re-election including: Reverend Dr. Wenton A. Fyne, Church of the Nazarene; A.R. Bernard, the Christian Cultural Center (CCC); Reverend Floyd Flake of Greater Allen A. M. E.; Reverend Dr. Birkett of Church Alive Community Church; Reverend Dr. Calvin Rice of New Jerusalem Baptist Church; Reverend William Smalls, Naomi AME Zion Church; Mohammad Razvi, Executive Director of Council of People's Organization;

Malcolm Byrd, Varick Memorial AME Zion Church; Bishop George Shorts, Pilgrim Cathedral of East New York; Bishop Mitchell Taylor, Center of Hope International; Reverend John Marshall, New Life Missionary Baptist; Reverend Demetrius S. Carolina Sr., First Central Baptist Church; Bishop Rubin Mitchell, Jesus Family Ministries; Pastor Dennis Loncke, Arverne Pilgram Church; Reverend Clifton Mullings, Evangelical Holiness Church; Pastor Paul Cockfield, Battalion Pentecostal Church; Pastor Benjamin Patterson, First Presbyterian Church; Pastor Milton Sterling, Berea New Testament Church of God; Reverend Ismale Pierre, French Speaking Baptist Church; Reverend Alex Pierre, Haitian Baptist Church of Salvation; Pastor Les Mullings, Far Rockaway Community Church of the Nazarene; Reverend Lenroy Pascall, Springfield Garden Nazarene.; Pastor Thomas Johnson, Harlem Canaan Baptist Church; Bishop Cecil G. Riley, Freedom Hall Church of God; Reverend Robert Royal, St. Paul's Community Baptist Church; Reverend Shepherd Lee, Baptist Temple Church; Sheikh Salihou Djabi, Council of African Imams; Archbishop James P. Roberts, Cathedral of St. Thomas Church; Reverend Patricia Singletary, Elmdorf Reform Church; Reverend James Morrison, Mount Lebanon Baptist Church; Reverend Carlene Thorbes, Past President, Baptist Ministers Conference of Queens; Reverend Earl Chester, Greater New Beginnings Church; Rev. Gregory Robeson Smith, Mother Zion AME Church; Rev. Henry A. Belin III, Bethel AME Church; Rev. Renee Washington Garner, Metropolitan Baptist Church; Rev. Charles Curtis, Mount Olivet Baptist Church and the Vaad Harabbonim of Flatbush Political Action Committee. Prominent community leader Dr. Eda Hastick; Chief Lookman Sulaimon, publisher of the Caribbean Echo Newspaper; Dr. Henry Frank of the Haitian Centers Council; Nerlande Malverse, Haitian community representative; Derek Cyrus, Guyanese community representative; Lennox Britton, President, of New York State Association of Minority Contractors (NYSAM); Elenora Bernard, Chair woman of NYSAM; Monica Foster of F and R Installers; Omar Bouche, Flatbush community leader; Robert Brown, Flatbush community leader; Mike Roberts, Flatbush community leader; Maurice Phillips, Flatbush community leader; Derek Noel, President of Deck Productions; Pamela Brown of St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Lynn Brown of Belize; Community leaders: Fritz Clervil, Ricot Dupuy, Jackson Rockingster, Evans Hertelou, Herold Dasque and Stephan Durand

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