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### **LOCAL 32BJ ENDORSES MAYOR BLOOMBERG** *-- Union Cites Mayor's Record on Jobs, Wages and Security --*

New York, NY – Citing Mayor Bloomberg's efforts to create jobs, ensure good wages and keep New York safe, Local 32BJ today announced their endorsement of New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg for re-election. The announcement, which followed a unanimous decision from the Local 32BJ executive board meeting held late yesterday, capped a membership-driven endorsement process that began months ago.

"Mayor Bloomberg's record is one of creating good jobs for our members, ensuring that city contracts pay prevailing wages and keeping New Yorkers safe and secure," said Mike Fishman, Local 32BJ President. "Our City is a better place than it was four years ago, and much of that is due to the Mayor's leadership."

"More than just my record, this endorsement is about what we have been able to achieve in places like Greenpoint-Williamsburg, where an unprecedented coalition of business, government, labor and community leaders agreed to a plan to revitalize the waterfront, creating 11,000 construction jobs, 1,100 permanent jobs, and housing for 11,000 New Yorkers," said Mayor Bloomberg.

Due to Mayor's strong support, the City Council has approved historic rezoning plans for Greenpoint-Williamsburg and West Chelsea that require developers to provide union wages to more than 1,000 new building service jobs as well as affordable housing to community residents.

"The rezoning plans break new ground by requiring developers to provide good-paying building service jobs," said Fishman. "Good jobs benefit everyone by enabling workers to provide for their families and give back to the community and local economy."

On security, the Mayor has endorsed New York Safe & Secure -- an innovative labor-management security program which provides 40 hours of state-of-the-art security training to private security officers. "With the Mayor's support, we are working to professionalize NY's hard-working private security officers, through better training and pay, and making New York safe and secure."

Three years ago, the Mayor signed the Displaced Building Service Worker Protection Act which protects workers for 90 days against layoffs when a building is sold.

"New York is where millions of hard-working men and women do their jobs, take care of others, and ask for nothing but a fair wage for a hard day's work," said Mayor Bloomberg. "That's what makes me so proud to accept the 32BJ endorsement."

With 75,000 members, including 60,000 in New York City, Local 32BJ is the largest building service union in the United States and the largest private sector union in the greater New York area.

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