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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

OSA urges you to vote in the **September 10th** mayoral primary for John Liu.

The field is very crowded, and there are several fine candidates, but OSA's board unanimously and enthusiastically endorses John Liu because he is the best candidate to protect Civil Servants from a very hostile world.

The year before last, when Bloomberg and his Wall Streeters were crying about the fat, salaried Civil Servants-- blowing their horns for the elimination of our defined pension, singing a song of how the pension system was bankrupt and about to financially destroy the City, John Liu told the truth.

Liu published a report that showed that civil servants were underpaid. He used unimpeachable figures to show that the right-wing myth was way off and based on bad logic. When compared to people with similar education and jobs, civil servant salaries were low, and the governments were getting a bargain. The mayor and his band were mad.

He later showed that the NYCERS system was sound. It had suffered some because of Wall Street shenanigans, but in the long run, it would be fine. The mayor was furious, because he had been playing a tune about the system's imminent collapse. Wall Streeters wanted to get their hands on that money.

A third report showed that the defined benefit pension system that we have had for more than sixty years is in the best interest of the city and the employees both. Comparable pension systems would cost more and pay less. The Bloomberg combo was livid because the truth was inconvenient.

No other politician has researched and understood the facts as Liu has. That is not all. Shortly after he became comptroller, John Liu looked at City Time, a boondoggle for Bloomberg's friends. It gave opportunities for fraud to the well-connected. Bloomberg stood steadily against these facts, and Liu uncovered a fraud which was reaching the BILLION dollar mark. Thanks to John Liu, the scam was stopped, some of the fraudsters are in jail, and the City has some of its money back.

The true New Yorker now asks, "But what has he done for us lately?"

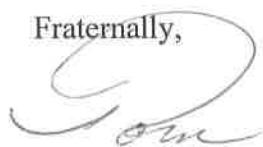
- Liu opposes an increase in the premiums we pay for health insurance. Both Quinn and Weiner support a plan that would raise premiums.
- Liu wants city workers to have a fair contract. Have you heard anything from the others?
- John Liu prevented many layoffs of city workers in the past, and is skeptical about the value of privatization.
- He wants the minimum wage raised. This is good for all workers.

OSA's board considered this endorsement very carefully. It was unanimous and enthusiastic in recommending Liu to OSA members.

On **September 10<sup>th</sup>**, please vote for John Liu in appreciation of what he has done and what he hopes to do. Make sure new voters in your family register by **August 16<sup>th</sup>** in time to vote in the primary, and explain the importance of John Liu to them and your neighbors. City workers, retirees, and the ordinary people of New York City need a mayor who respects and appreciates them.

This is a personal note. Over the last few years, Bob Croghan and I have met with John Liu several times. John has appeared before our members to address some of their concerns. We agree completely on John Liu. It seems to me that Liu is the genuine article, a bright, wise, intelligent politician who is really interested in the ordinary people of the city. He understands workers and the need for unions.

Fraternally,



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