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**THE NATION'S LARGEST MUNICIPAL POLICE UNION
-- THE PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION --
ENDORSES MAYOR BLOOMBERG**

*Mayor Bloomberg Has Now Received the Endorsement of All of the Unions
Representing Uniformed NYPD Members*

Today in Lower Manhattan, Mayor Bloomberg received the endorsement of the NYPD Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA), the largest union representing uniformed members of the NYPD with nearly 50,000 active and retired police officers. The PBA, who did not endorse the Mayor in 2001 or 2005, cited the Mayor's historic reduction of crime in the five boroughs, his fight to keep police officers safe by getting illegal guns off city streets and his willingness to consider creative solutions to address issues of police officer compensation as the primary reasons for their endorsement.

"Mike Bloomberg is an innovator who thinks outside of the box to solve difficult and complex problems," said PBA President Patrick J. Lynch. "In addition, his approach to labor and management issues resulted in the first negotiated police officer's contract in nearly two decades. Before he became Mayor, we fought illegal guns by making arrests and tracing the illegal guns back to the local source. Mike Bloomberg's innovative approach targets the out-of-state gun and 'gun show' dealers who flaunt gun sales laws and sell to criminal gun traffickers who then sell them on the streets of New York City. Mike Bloomberg knows that keeping one illegal gun out of our city prevents dozens of street crimes and saves countless lives."

"New Yorkers are safer today than they were eight years ago," said Mayor Bloomberg. "The 30% crime reduction we've seen over the last eight years is truly thanks to the men and women who patrol our streets every day and night. I will continue to do everything in my power to keep our police officers safe, be it new bullet resistant vests or legislation designed to get illegal guns off our streets. I am grateful for the PBA's endorsement and know that over the next four years, we can continue to bring crime down to historic lows."

Under Mayor Bloomberg's leadership, New York City's crime rate is at its lowest level in over 40 years. Crime is down over 30% since the Mayor took office and New York City is the safest big city in the nation. The Mayor has continued to bring down crime city-wide by another 11% in the first nine months of 2009. An important factor leading to this crime reduction has been the Mayor's crackdown on the flow of illegal guns into our city. In the face of federal inaction, he created new, innovative strategies to prevent illegal guns from out-of-state dealers from landing in the hands of criminals here in New York. He also created and leads Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a nationwide, nonpartisan campaign that includes more than 450 mayors from more than 40 states who represent over 56 million Americans.

The Mayor has also focused his attention on creating and implementing new law enforcement tools to help keep New Yorkers safe. He created the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC), which conducts rapid analysis of criminal incidents citywide in order to provide a real-time assessment of emerging crime, crime patterns and potential criminal suspects citywide. Additionally, Mayor Bloomberg opened the largest and among the most advanced DNA labs in the country. This new lab allows the city to handle more than 20,000 cases a year, compared to the 3,000 a year maximum that the old lab could handle. The City is now able to catch more criminals before they can break the law again. In September, the Mayor unveiled a bold new plan to utilize innovative technologies to keep New Yorkers safe by expanding the RTCC to include facial recognition software and full detective file notes as well as creating a "Footwear Recognition Database."

Mayor Bloomberg has already received the endorsement of the Detectives Endowment Association, the Sergeant's Benevolent Association, the Lieutenants Benevolent Association and the Captain's Endowment Association. In total, the five unions represent all of the 35,000 active uniformed members of the NYPD and tens of thousands of retired members.

The Mayor's campaign is building one of the broadest coalitions of labor support for any candidate in the history of New York mayoral campaigns. With today's endorsement by the PBA, the campaign has secured the support of 39 labor organizations representing over 700,000 working men and women in New York City including: New York Hotel and Motel Trades Council-AFL-CIO, 32BJ SEIU, Teamsters Joint Council 16, Teamsters Local 237, The Building and Construction Trades Council of New York, the Sergeants Benevolent Association, the Detectives Endowment Association, the Lieutenants Benevolent Association, the Captain's Endowment Association, Freelancers Union, United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Production Service and Sales District Council and UFCW Locals 1500, 2D, 342, 348S, 359, 815S and 517S; New York City Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association; DC 37 Locals 983 – New York City Motor Vehicle Operators and Local 376 – New York City Construction Laborers; Local 12 - Heat and Frost Insulators Union, Workers United, The Mason Tenders District Council of New York, OPEIU, United Association Local One - the New York City Plumbers Union, NYC District Council of Carpenters, New York 10-13 Association, the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Local 147 - NYC Sandhogs, Local 638 – Steamfitters, Teamsters Local 210, Teamsters Local 553, Teamsters Local 917, Local 79 - Construction and General Building Laborers, Local 1261 - Lay Faculty Association, Local 66 - General Building Laborers, and Local 279 - Association of Professional and Specialty Workers.

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