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**LIU STATEMENT ON CITY HALL’S LABOR
CONTRACT & HEALTH-CARE COST PROPOSAL**

NEW YORK, N.Y. – City Comptroller John C. Liu said the following on City Hall’s labor-contract and health-care cost proposal:

“Today’s proposal sends a clear message; the Bloomberg Administration refuses to deal with the multi-billion dollar labor mess of its own making and will continue the ‘kick the can down the road’ approach for the next eight months. What Mayor Bloomberg fails to realize is that his flawed ideology of treating municipal workers like the enemy, instead of as partners, has created this unprecedented situation where the largest municipal workforce in the country is now working without a contract.

“In the 11th hour of his administration, the Mayor has chosen to blame City employees for rising health-care costs and ignore his own failure to secure a good health-care deal for the City. The fact remains that most City employees scrape by with bare-bones health coverage while others are forced to pay huge premiums for the kinds of plans that private-sector workers get as a matter of course. This last-minute maneuvering on the Mayor’s part is unseemly and outrageous.”

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