

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

February 22, 2013

Hon. Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

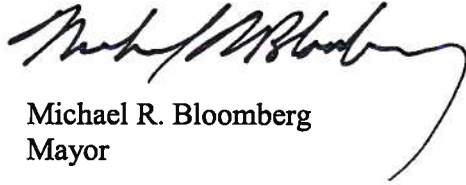
Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 978-A, which exempts unions, other membership organizations and corporations from disclosing with the New York City Campaign Finance Board communications with their members and shareholders in relation to candidates or ballot proposals they support or oppose.

In response to the growing proportion of outside spending in New York City elections, the 2010 Charter Revision Commission proposed an amendment to the City Charter requiring disclosure of independent expenditures. This amendment was overwhelmingly approved by the voters of the City. Introductory Number 978-A seeks to weaken this amendment of little more than two years ago by exempting unions and other organizations from the disclosure of certain independent expenditures.

Just like other forms of campaign expenditure disclosure, disclosure of independent expenditures provides voters with the information they need to hold candidates and elected officials accountable for their positions and supporters. It ensures everyone follows the law and provides a roadmap to how decisions on the campaign trail and in elected office may be influenced. Introductory Number 978-A will only weaken the City's strong campaign disclosure laws and I see no reason why unions and other organizations should not be held to the same standard as others who are supporting candidates for elective office.

For the foregoing reasons, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 978-A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Bloomberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor

Cc: The Honorable Christine C. Quinn