



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

January 22, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of New York, I am pleased to extend my strong support for the 2007 Mayor's Cup New York City Kayak Championships. It is our goal to build on the success of the inaugural championships by growing the Mayor's Cup into one of the premier kayak events in the country.

The waters around the island of Manhattan, particularly Hell's Gate and the Battery, provide a challenging course that will push the limits of even the most seasoned paddlers. In addition, New York City has a strong kayak tradition to build upon. During the last ten years, more than 100,000 kayakers have visited our Downtown Boathouse and a record year is expected in 2007.

We share your desire to raise awareness of competitive kayaking, and are honored to host the Mayor's Cup Championship, in conjunction with Riverkeeper's Water Fest, in the Big Apple.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor