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Eric Yu Announces Campaign for City Council in District 1, Challenging Christopher Marte

New York, January 14, 2025 (NTD) – Chinese-American Eric Yu, a resident of Chinatown, has officially announced his candidacy for New York City Council in District 1 as a Democrat, challenging incumbent Council Member Christopher Marte.

At a press conference held on Sunday, January 12, Yu was joined by friends and neighbors who came to show their support. He cited the neglect of Chinatown and the resulting rise in crime rates as key reasons for his decision to run.

Eric Yu on His Candidacy:

“I am running because this area has been ignored and overlooked for far too long. Crime rates are high, and we feel unsafe in this community. We are also concerned about our quality of life,” Yu stated.

Opposition to Congestion Pricing

Yu expressed strong opposition to the congestion pricing policy implemented in Manhattan.

“This has been a major concern for me. Since joining the Community Board in 2021, I have consistently opposed congestion pricing. I see it as a ‘mobility tax’ that does not effectively address the underlying issues,” he said.

Experience and Advocacy

Yu is a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve veteran and has been a member of Manhattan Community Board 1 since 2021. He is actively involved in its Transportation, Waterfront, and Parks Committees.

“I want to do what’s best for District 1. That includes ensuring our quality of life, enforcing laws, and supporting our law enforcement so they can do their jobs effectively,” Yu emphasized.

Yu’s campaign highlights his commitment to addressing rising crime, improving quality of life, and eliminating congestion pricing while advocating for a safer and more prosperous Chinatown and Lower Manhattan.

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