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MAYOR DECLARES OCTOBER 26 "CITY LIMITS DAY IN NEW YORK CITY"

City honors non-profit investigative media organization as it hosts citywide event to celebrate 35th anniversary

New York, NY — Mayor Michael Bloomberg has proclaimed October 26, 2011, as "City Limits Day in New York City" honoring the non-profit investigative news organization's role for going "above and beyond its role as a content provider."

City Limits was founded by community advocates during the city's fiscal crisis of the 1970's and is now one of the city's largest non-profit civic news organizations. For three decades, *City Limits* has filled local reporting gaps by covering underreported stories on the critical issues affecting the city and engaging audiences in key policy discussions about the economy, poverty and social justice.

To celebrate 35 years of publishing news, *City Limits* will host a citywide event on Wednesday, October 26 at CUNY's Borough of Manhattan Community College (**6-9 p.m./199 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007**), convening more than 400 area professionals, advocates and elected officials.

"City Limits has been a critical voice in New York City's advocacy community serving as a training ground for some of NYC's leading reporters and providing timely investigative journalism," said David R. Jones, CEO and President of the Community Service Society of New York. "Most importantly, from the pages of *City Limits* readers come to better understand urban issues and their impact on underserved communities in our city."

In 1996, *City Limits* created the Center for an Urban Future, a policy-think tank. Thirteen years later, the Community Service Society acquired *City Limits* to provide the media organization with investment to retool for the digital shift occurring throughout the media industry. In 2010, *City Limits* re-launched under new leadership, now publishing a bi-monthly magazine and a news site that reaches half

a million people annually. In August, the Knight Foundation and Brooklyn Community Foundation announced a \$100,000 grant to expand *City Limits'* coverage of Brooklyn with a new site specifically on the borough.

"Throughout its history, *City Limits* has crafted hard-hitting investigative journalism, explored and taken advantage of New Media, and done it all independently and not-for-profit," read the proclamation from Mayor Bloomberg. "Its efforts to build communities and help underrepresented groups find a voice have provided a valuable example for New York and the rest of the nation."

This year alone, *City Limits* has been recognized with nine national honors, including the Park Center for Independent Media's Izzy Award for Outstanding Journalism and the Society of Professional Journalism's award for best reporting by a local investigative magazine. *City Limits'* also beat out the *New York Times* and WNYC to receive New York City's Deadline Club Award for best reporting on communities of color. *City Limits* partners with local media organizations *Metro*, WNET-Metro Focus, and Voices of New York to share its content with millions of New Yorkers, and has been invited by the State Department and the White House to speak about community journalism.

"It's always inspiring when institutions like City Hall recognize the importance of the independent media that hold government accountable," said Mark Anthony Thomas, Director of *City Limits*. "We play a crucial role in connecting audiences with issues buried within the five boroughs. We're grateful for the mayor recognizing our work, as we will continue to use the power of media to convene the voices working for change and progress during the tough times facing New Yorkers today."

For more information, visit www.citylimits.eventbrite.com

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