

Liu Changes His Mind on Marathon

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City Comptroller John Liu has issued this statement on his support of holding the New York City Marathon this weekend:

Earlier this week, I stated support for keeping the New York City Marathon, which is a huge economic generator for the City, on schedule assuming that the City's infrastructure would be able to support the race and New Yorkers' safety can be ensured. Unfortunately, it has become apparent over the last couple of days that there are still large parts of the City where recovery efforts are falling short, where fellow New Yorkers remain hungry and cold, and where there is now more and more looting. As I have traveled throughout the boroughs since Sandy struck, it has become clear that the Marathon would compromise the City's ability to protect and provide for the residents most affected by the hurricane. Recovery efforts must come before the Marathon and it's time to re-evaluate whether the resources needed for the Marathon can really be spared on Sunday.

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer and Julie Menin have [both come out against](#) holding the marathon this weekend. Mayor Michael Bloomberg has defended it.

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