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**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL APPPLAUDS MAYOR DE BLASIO'S DECISION NOT TO
MARCH AND CALLS FOR ALL UNIFORM SERVICES TO JOIN HIM**

I am a strong supporter of LGBTQ rights and dignity and am proud to join Speaker Mark Viverito, Mayor de Blasio, Public Advocate James, and other City leaders by NOT marching in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

As the first Mayor in over 20 years to refuse to march, Mayor de Blasio sends a strong statement to Parade organizers AND to the LGBTQ community.

It is also important that the City's uniform services demonstrate to all NYC communities--including the LGBTQ community--respect and equal protection under the law. I am honored to sign onto a letter asking Mayor de Blasio to ask City departments (including the Police) not to march in the Parade.

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