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Jeffrey Omura

New York City's road to recovery leads directly through its Arts & Culture. But the City's multi-billion dollar Arts & Culture sector is in distress and needs a champion. As an artist, activist, and labor leader, Jeffrey Omura is the compelling and accomplished advocate we need on City Council to represent and lead New York's arts revival and city revitalization.

Omura's key priorities include:

- Ending homelessness with an ambitious expansion of low income and affordable housing,
- Bolstering small businesses and filling our vacant storefronts through mortgage and property tax reform.
- Ensuring a quality education for all public school students,
- Reforming the NYPD through civilian oversight and accountability,
- Reimagining our streetscape to prioritize bike lanes and pedestrians,
- Implementing a Green New Deal for the City,
- Expanding prevailing wage laws to help workers.

Championing workers' rights is at the heart of Omura's politics - he was recently re-elected to a second term as an officer of Actors' Equity Association, an AFL-CIO chartered labor union representing more than 50,000 stage managers and actors nationwide. Prior to his election, he was a grassroots leader organizing the #FairWageOnStage campaign, ultimately winning wage increases of up to 83% in the union's collective bargaining agreement with Off-Broadway

producers.

Omura also hopes to make history as the first openly gay person to represent the Upper West Side on City Council, and as the first Japanese-American to ever win elected office in New York City. Jeffrey Omura for City Council is a grassroots campaign entirely staffed by passionate, diverse, and underrepresented volunteers of the gutted Arts and Culture industry in NYC. We are a campaign that believes that everyday New Yorkers, the LGBTQIA+ community, communities of color, organized labor, artists, arts institutions, and the communities they serve deserve to have a voice in City Hall.