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## **HEEDING COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN'S CALL FOR TRANSPARENCY, CITY HALL COMMITS TO TOWN HALL TO DISCUSS CHANGES AT MANHATTAN DETENTION CENTER**

NEW YORK – A little over a week after demanding true community engagement by Mayor de Blasio about the proposal to move the Manhattan Detention Center, Council Member Margaret S. Chin announced today that the City agreed to hold a public Town Hall to discuss the plan.

**The meeting, which is co-sponsored by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, will take place on Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. at P.S. 124 in Chinatown.**

“I am pleased that City Hall has agreed to organize this Town Hall meeting,” said Council Member Margaret S. Chin. “While the Administration has much more work to do, the scheduling of this long-overdue meeting is a positive development for residents, business owners and community leaders. At this Town Hall, the community will have an opportunity to learn more about the project, have their questions answered, and participate in a discussion on the future of the Manhattan Detention Center site. I am hopeful that this is the first step, of many more, towards greater clarity and transparency about this project.”

**“This town hall is a positive step in the right direction, after the administration’s disappointing rush to scope the project without adequate community input,” said Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer. “It’s become clear that the location and structure of Riker’s Island are impediments preventing us from fixing things that are deeply wrong in our city’s criminal justice system. An expanded detention complex in Lower Manhattan is necessary to make that happen, but no project this sweeping should ever go forward without robust input and involvement from the surrounding community’s residents, businesses, civic organizations and service providers.”**

This Town Hall meeting is to be the first of several promised by the Administration as the process of moving the detention center from its current location to 80 Centre St. continues.

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