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CRANE SAFETY BILL AUTHORED BY CM CHIN SIGNED INTO LAW

More than a year after deadly incident in TriBeCa, legislation will require tracking devices on all moveable cranes to protect residents, workers and visitors

CITY HALL – Today, Council Member Margaret S. Chin welcomed the signing of important crane safety legislation into law at a ceremony presided over by Mayor Bill de Blasio.

The bill, Intro 1421-A, requires all moveable, non-stationary cranes to be equipped with global positioning systems (GPS) or similar locating devices. The requirement is a result of recommendations by the Crane Safety Task Force convened by the Mayor just after last year's crane collapse, which claimed the life of 36-year-old David Wicks and injured several others on Worth Street in TriBeCa.



“It’s hard to forget the devastating impact that the 2016 crane collapse had on the communities in Lower Manhattan,” said **Council Member Chin**. “On that day, we lost a devoted husband, a beloved community member, and a New Yorker. Since that day, residents in my district are a little wearier whenever they see a crane erected near their home or workplace. By signing this bill into law today, we are increasing safety to a standard that residents, workers and visitors have a right to expect.”

Introduced by Council Member Chin in January, the bill mandates GPS or similar devices to allow the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) to track mobile cranes

throughout the City, allow for real-time audits, and ensure more efficient routing for inspectors.

Another crane safety bill authored by Council Member Chin, Intro 1422, would require additional safeguards for cranes operating in high winds. That bill is currently pending before the City Council.

On Feb. 6, 2016, just before 8:30 a.m., a crane at 60 Hudson St. collapsed as the operator sought to secure the equipment in high winds. A report by the DOB found that the fatal collapse was caused a series of errors by the crane's operator. As a result of the report's finding, the operator was permanently barred from operating a crane in New York City.

Photo caption: Council Member Chin with Mayor de Blasio at today's bill signing ceremony at City Hall for her crane safety legislation. Photo credit: Vincent Fang.

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