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***CM CHIN BLASTS TIMING OF RELEASE
OF TWO BRIDGES DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT, WHICH WOULD HINDER
FULL COMMUNITY INPUT***

***Urges City Planning to give adequate time
for the community to review Draft
Environmental Impact Statement***

***Residents & advocates to rally in Two
Bridges on Monday before marching to fill
the room at review session for mega-towers***

TWO BRIDGES – After the Department of City Planning announced plans for an ill-timed release and referral of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for three proposed mega-developments in the Two Bridges neighborhood – right as Community Board 3 approaches summer break – Council Member Margaret S. Chin expressed outrage about the egregious lack of transparency in the process, citing concerns that the community will not have adequate time to review the document and provide their input.

“I am outraged by this attempt to cut the community out of a planning process that will determine the future of the neighborhood that thousands of immigrant and low-income New Yorkers call home. By beginning the review process at the end of June, just as the Community Board prepares to go on summer break, these developers have been caught red-handed in a cynical attempt to sneak in four humongous towers with as little opposition as possible. Too bad these developers don’t know who they are messing with,” said **Council Member Chin**. “We are paying attention, and we will never give up the fight to stop these towers so that real community-based planning can begin. That is why I joined the Borough President to file a text amendment which is our best hope of stopping these out-of-scale towers from destroying the Two Bridges that we know and love. Though we may lose the battle on Monday, I am confident that we will win the war to take back our neighborhood from greedy developers who think they can outsmart and outmaneuver this community.”

In a letter sent today to City Planning Commission Chairperson Marisa Lago, Council Member Chin and Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer urged the Administration to grant the community the full period of review it was promised.

Earlier this year, Council Member Chin and Borough President Brewer officially filed as co-applicants to a zoning text amendment that would subject the three proposals to a full public review under the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP). The text amendment was the first application submitted solely by elected officials in over a decade.

On Monday morning at 11:30 AM, Council Member Chin will join community advocates and Two Bridges residents for a rally on Rutgers Slip and South Street, followed by a march to 22 Reade Street, where the Department of City Planning is expected to hold its review session.

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