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### ***COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN'S RESPONSE TO THE FATAL CAR ACCIDENT ON FORSYTH AND CANAL STREETS***

“Last night, a driver attempting to park his mini-van on the corner of Canal and Forsyth streets jumped over a curb and onto the sidewalk killing a 56-year-old man and injuring six others. The driver and his passenger waited at the scene for authorities. My heart goes out to the families and friends of the injured and the man who tragically lost his life.

I want to thank our first responders who immediately assisted the injured, as well as the New York Police Department’s Highway Patrol Collision Investigation Squad for their prompt action in arresting the driver responsible.

Pedestrian safety is among the primary issues facing Lower Manhattan, but there is no reason that we should view this tragedy as an inevitable consequence of living and walking in our City. More must and can be done to create a safer environment for New Yorkers simply trying to go about their day.

My office will continue to monitor the situation and await the results of the investigation by the NYPD Highway Patrol Collision Investigation Squad.”

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