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**COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN AND BOROUGH
PRESIDENT BREWER ISSUE STATEMENT
IN RESPONSE TO DOI REPORT ON
RIVINGTON HOUSE**

CITY HALL – Council Member Margaret S. Chin and Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer issued a joint statement in the wake of the release of a report by the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) into the removal of the deed restriction covering Rivington House, a former not-for-profit nursing home facility:

“This troubling report makes a clear case for increased transparency and public review in the deed restriction lifting process. On behalf of a community that lost an important healthcare asset, we call on the Administration to hold anyone that helped obscure the truth about this transaction accountable for their actions. In addition, we call on the Administration to turn over all relevant information, emails, and other documents so that all questions about this troubling situation are answered. We will be pushing for a hearing on our legislation to reform the process of lifting and modifying deed restrictions as soon as possible to ensure that what happened at Rivington House never happens again.”

[Int. 1182](#), introduced by Council Member Chin and Borough President Brewer, would create a public, searchable database of all properties with deed restrictions imposed by or on behalf of the City, and would dramatically strengthen public notification requirements whenever the City considers changing or removing such a deed restriction.

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