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COUNCIL MEMBER MARGARET CHIN CALLS FOR TOWN HALL ON CHANGES TO MANHATTAN DETENTION CENTER

Demands transparency and real public input over MDC's proposed move to 80 Centre St.

In response to a lack of opportunities for public engagement in regards to the proposed move of the Manhattan Detention Center, Council Member Margaret S. Chin today urged City Hall to help lead a town hall to provide vital information and address community concerns.

“It’s crucial that the Administration participate in a robust community engagement process, which must begin with full transparency about the proposal to move the Manhattan Detention Center from its current location to 80 Centre St. That is why I urge City Hall to be a full participant in several Town Hall meetings in District 1 that will allow residents, small business owners, and community leaders to have a say in future redevelopment plans — not only for 80 Centre, but the current detention center, which would be returned to the community as part of this proposal,” said **Council Member Chin**. “As a strong supporter of the effort to reduce the number of detainees in our City that would allow us to close Rikers Island, I believe this Administration must seize this opportunity to provide clarity, address concerns, and engage residents, business owners, and community leaders in a productive dialogue.”

These Town Hall meetings would provide an opportunity for the Administration to answer the community’s questions and concerns well

ahead of the September 27th Manhattan Scoping meeting at 1 Centre Street
at 6 PM.

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