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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN JOINS CHINATOWN COMMUNITY LEADERS TO ANNOUNCE IDNYC ‘POP-UP’ LOCATION

New, convenient location in the heart of Chinatown connects Chinese community with the many benefits and services that IDNYC provides

New York, NY— Council Member Margaret Chin joined the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, the NYPD’s 5th Precinct, and members of the Chinese community to announce a new pop-up location in Confucius Plaza for IDNYC – the City’s successful free form of identification that has quickly grown to be the largest municipal ID program in the country.

“When IDNYC first launched, people were willing to wait up to three months to get an appointment, and then walk down to the Department of Finance building on John Street. Today, I am happy to announce that those wait times are a thing of the past and that IDNYC is now in the heart of Chinatown until Jan. 20,” said Council Member Margaret Chin. “I am happy to join Assistant Commissioner Bitta Mostofi, 5th Precinct officers and community leaders to urge everyone to take advantage of the benefits and City services that IDNYC provides.”

IDNYC is a free form of identification that is accepted for a variety of City services and benefits, including SNAP. The 100 Centre Street location will be easily accessible to Chinatown, and DOP clients, among others. IDNYC’s benefits also include access to cultural institutions, discounts on groceries and medicine, and it is accepted as the primary form of identification to more than 76 bank and credit union branches across the City.

All communities across the city, including immigrants, teenagers, and seniors greatly benefit from IDNYC. Less than one year after launch, IDNYC has enrolled over 730,000 people – nearly one out 10 New Yorkers.

The newest pop-up location is in Confucius Plaza near the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at 33 Bowery. Appointments will be taken from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday until Jan. 20. IDNYC will open a second pop-up location at Gouverneur Hospital, 227 Madison Street, from Jan. 20 to Feb. 11.

Since enrollment is by appointment only, appointments can be made online at <https://idnyc.appointment-plus.com/> or by calling 311.

“Today, in just one year, there are more than 730,000 IDNYC cardholders. As one of the lead agencies for IDNYC, the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs’s objective is to make IDNYC’s implementation as effective and inclusive as possible. Holding a pop-up IDNYC enrollment center at the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce ensures that community members have opportunity to enroll for IDNYC in a convenient and trusted location,” said Assistant Commissioner Bitta Mostofi of the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs. “Residents can make appointments by calling 311 in the language that they speak or can visit our website at www.nyc.gov/idnyc, which has information available in several languages.”

"IDNYC has become an important resource for New Yorkers, and a pop-up in the heart of Chinatown in the Bowery is great news," said State Senator Daniel Squadron. "I thank the city, Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Councilmember Chin, and colleagues for helping expand access to IDNYC."

“IDNYC allows every resident of our city to obtain a government identification card and a host of other benefits – but we must make sure everyone in our communities can access it,” said Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer. “This pop-up center will allow all Chinatown residents to sign up for IDNYC right here in their neighborhood.”

“The Chinese Chamber of Commerce is proud to join the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs and Council Member Chin to help increase access to IDNYC, which provides important benefits and City services to all New Yorkers,

regardless of immigration status,” said Justin Yu, chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of New York. “I urge all members of our community to take advantage of this convenient location in Chinatown and take advantage of the savings and benefits that this important identification program provides.”

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