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CM CHIN'S STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO TRAGIC HIT-AND- RUN DEATH ON DELANCEY

LOWER EAST SIDE – Council Member Margaret S. Chin released the following statement in response to last night's tragic hit-and-run that led to the death of a homeless member of the community:

"This is a heartbreaking loss, and I urge NYPD Commissioner James P. O'Neill to conduct a full investigation into the senseless hit-and-run incident that caused the death of one of our community's most vulnerable members," said **Council Member Chin**. "Thank you to the neighbors and friends who never gave up on Johnny during his time of need. To my Lower Manhattan community: if you know of anyone who is in need of shelter or social services, please reach out to my office for immediate assistance."

On Friday morning at around 3:30 AM, a 49 year old hit-and-run victim was discovered on Delancey and Clinton Streets with severe head trauma. Johnny, the victim, had been struggling with homelessness and required a wheelchair.

Information on the driver or footage of the incident has yet to surface.

Anyone with information about the incident can call the NYPD Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS.

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