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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN, SPONSOR OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOR WOMEN ON THE \$20, RESPONDS TO WOMEN ON \$10

New York, NY—Today, **City Council Member Margaret Chin**, the sponsor of [Resolution 686-2015](#) in the Council, celebrated the announcement that the U.S. Treasury was planning to redesign the ten dollar bill to feature a woman. In response to the news, she said:

“I am thrilled to hear that the U.S. Treasury has decided to take a proactive step forward to correcting what has been a longstanding gender inequality in our nation’s currency. However, I hope they do not think we will be satisfied with just half a bill. I still believe there is place for women on the \$20, and I urge the U.S. Treasury and the President to still immediately move forward with that proposal.”

“As the national grassroots Women on 20s movement has demonstrated through its popularity – it’s high time we bring our currency into the modern age to reflect contemporary values. This means celebrating the contributions of women and people of color by placing them on our currency. But to me, this idea was also about replacing those figures on our currency whose reputations have not quite stood the test of time and who are no longer widely regarded as our nation’s role models and heroes – which is why I believe the \$20 should still be considered.”

The twenty dollar bill had been identified as a prime candidate for a redesign because it features Andrew Jackson, who was responsible for the Indian Removal Act and Trail of Tears, which led to the death and displacement of thousands of American Indians.

Council Member Chin had introduced Resolution 686 on May 14, 2015 along with the members of the Women’s Caucus of the New York City Council, the co-founders of the Women on 20s movement and official W20 campaign, Barbara Ortiz Howard and Susan Ades Stone, and the National Organization for Women–New York (NOW New York).

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