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MORE THAN JUST A MEAL: WITH PASSAGE OF CM CHIN'S LEGISLATION, ANNUAL FOOD INSPECTIONS AT SENIOR CENTERS AND SOCIAL ADULT DAYCARES WILL BECOME A REALITY

CITY HALL – This afternoon, the New York City Council voted 45-0 to pass Council Member Margaret S. Chin's legislation to require the City to conduct annual health inspections at senior centers and social adult daycares (SADCs) that serve food to seniors, and make inspection results publicly available online.

“For many of our city's older New Yorkers, a nutritious lunch at a neighborhood senior center or social adult daycare is more than just a meal. It's an entry point through which seniors can access other specialized services and diverse programming – all of which are vital to maintaining full and healthy lives,” said **Council Member Chin, Chair of the Committee on Aging**. “By mandating annual health inspections and calling on the City to make inspection results public, Intro 411-A will strengthen our City's efforts to expand seniors' access to nutritious quality meals that are in compliance with the New York City health code, and will empower more families and caregivers to make informed decisions for their loved ones. I thank Speaker Corey Johnson, my Council colleagues and fellow aging advocates for their partnership in building a city that puts our seniors first.”

The legislation will require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to conduct annual health inspections at senior centers and social adult

daycare facilities that are considered food service establishments under the New York City health code, make these inspection results publicly available on its website and submit reports to the Mayor and Council Speaker about centers and SADCs across the city that serve food as well as a summary of inspections, violations and corrective actions. Intro 411-A will also require the Department for the Aging (DFTA) to provide DOHMH with regularly updated lists of registered senior centers and SADCs, and post information about these health inspections on its website.

Today's passage follows Council Member Chin's legislation to increase transparency in the social adult daycare system, which serves our city's most vulnerable seniors living with Alzheimer's, dementia or other cognitive impairments, by creating an online database with details on violations issued at a given daycare facility, and allowing individuals to submit complaints about bad actors directly to the DFTA ombudsperson overseeing SADCs.

Seniors comprise the fastest growing population in New York City. The passage of Intro 411-A will expand the citywide effort to build an open and transparent 21st century senior service system to better prepare caregivers and families as they make decisions to seek reputable care for their elderly loved ones.

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