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# ***CM CHIN'S STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO BETESH'S RECKLESS DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL ITEMS BELONGING TO DISPLACED 85 BOWERY TENANTS***

CHINATOWN – Today, Council Member Margaret S. Chin issued the following statement in response to the disturbing discovery of sensitive personal items belonging to 85 Bowery tenants in a nearby dumpster:

“Joseph Betesh’s haphazard treatment of his tenants’ personal belongings is utterly disgusting. For nearly three months, through no fault of their own, the families of 85 Bowery have been forced to live a nightmare, and continue to face what seems like a never-ending timeline of repairs. There is no excuse for being careless with people’s precious belongings. To Joseph Betesh, we have a simple message: our entire city is watching you, and we will hold you accountable for your actions.”

Among the items discovered this afternoon wrapped in black trash bags were children’s books and clothing. Council Member Chin today renewed her demand that the City closely monitor the progress of repairs and plan for the safe return of all of the displaced families.

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