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COUNCILWOMAN CHIN JOINS COMMUNITY TO MARK 5th ANNIVERSARY OF SUPERSTORM SANDY BY UNVEILING HIGH WATER MARK SIGN



TWO BRIDGES – Today, Council Member Margaret S. Chin joined Commissioner Joseph Esposito of the NYC Office of Emergency Management and Lower Manhattan community leaders to recognize the 5th Anniversary of Superstorm Sandy at the unveiling of a high water mark sign at Pier 35. Marking 5 feet tall, the sign indicates the maximum level of storm surge waters in the area.

“Five years after Superstorm Sandy swept our City, this high water mark sign will serve as a stark reminder of the impact on the Two Bridges community and how far we’ve come in our recovery and resiliency efforts,” said **Council Member Chin**. “During Sandy, elected officials, community leaders and residents worked together to evacuate residents, deliver supplies and make sure that the most vulnerable members of our community were not left behind. The immediate damage of Sandy tested our resiliency and solidarity as a City, and in no small part to the emergency efforts led by residents, we overcame many of those challenges. While there is still much work to be done, I remain confident in our ability to create a more resilient City.”



After the storm surge from Sandy flooded parts of the Lower East Side and public housing developments at the Two Bridges waterfront, Council Member Chin and her staff joined community and tenant leaders to coordinate volunteer relief efforts, knock on doors and provide emergency supplies like food and bottled water.

In response to the need for more coordinated planning to provide critical information to flood zone residents, Council Member Chin was a sponsor of legislation calling for OEM and other city agencies to develop guidelines to inform the public, as well as legislation requiring the City to create an outreach plan to assist vulnerable residents -- including seniors and disabled New Yorkers.

In 2015, Council Member Chin joined the Mayor to announce a City capital commitment of \$100 million to protect Lower Manhattan from flooding with a variety of coastal resiliency measures.

In 2016, Council Member Chin passed a City Council resolution urging the federal government to release storm resiliency funding to Lower Manhattan neighborhoods through the Protect and Connect plan. HUD later awarded the City a total of \$176 million in badly needed funding for flood control measures.

This year, HPD announced a \$33 million grant to Knickerbocker Village to strengthen the overall resiliency of Knickerbocker Village and protects its 3,5000 residents from future storms.

Today, Council Member Chin and Commissioner Esposito were joined by Manhattan Deputy Borough President Matthew Washington, Assembly Member Brian Kavanagh, Two Bridges Tower Resident Association President Trever Holland, Lower East Side activist Kathleen Webster and representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez and Assemblywoman Yuh-Line Niou.