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CM CHIN RESPONDS TO PROPOSAL TO EXTEND SHORELINE OF LOWER MANHATTAN

***Resiliency measure would seek to protect
vulnerable neighborhoods from storm surge, sea
level rise; funding sources remain unclear***

NEW YORK — Council Member Margaret S. Chin responded to the release today of findings from a study regarding the Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency Project, which include a proposal to extend the shoreline of Lower Manhattan in the Financial and Seaport districts to protect these particularly vulnerable communities:

“In the years since Sandy hit, we have struggled through the grueling process of recovery, made all the more difficult by the knowledge of how vulnerable our neighborhoods remain in the face of the next storm. With this plan to provide protection for the entire coastline of Lower Manhattan, we now have a roadmap to a more resilient and sustainable future. However, this more resilient future cannot be paid for by private real estate development that would destroy the waterfront neighborhoods that we are trying to protect. With thousands of precious lives, as well as homes, businesses and vital infrastructure, on the line, we cannot fail at our duty to protect and strengthen our city for decades to come.”

While full funding has been secured for plans to protect Battery Park City and the East Side of Lower Manhattan north of Montgomery Street, funding sources for resiliency efforts for the Financial District and Seaport remain unclear.

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