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CM CHIN CALLS FOR ACTION IN WAKE OF DAYLIGHT SHOOTING BETWEEN RIVAL TICKET SELLERS AT THE BATTERY

Council Member Margaret S. Chin reacted with outrage over the daylight shooting involving ticket sellers near the Battery that injured two bystanders on Monday afternoon.

The shooting, which is currently being investigated by detectives from the 1st Precinct, occurred around 3 p.m. – just as children at nearby P.S. 276 were about to leave for the day.



“This shooting is the last straw in an unacceptable situation for residents and visitors in the Battery area,” said **Council Member Chin**. “For years, ticket sellers have regularly harassed and intimidated anyone unlucky enough to cross their path. Fights between ticket sellers over ‘turf’ have become an almost daily occurrence. This recent shooting, which occurred in broad daylight with young children nearby, presents an unacceptable level of danger. While I commend the officers of the 1st Precinct for their response, our City must do more to protect the safety of everyone in our neighborhood. That is why I am calling on the Administration, and specifically the Department of Consumer Affairs, to act to rein in ticket selling at the Battery, which has so clearly spiraled out of control.”

The shooting occurred at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Washington Street and Battery Place – just a few blocks away from P.S. 276 and several other schools. News reports indicated two victims of the shooting, a 35-year-old woman and a 40-year-old man who were walking nearby when the incident occurred. Both were rushed to the hospital but are expected to recover.

The 1st Precinct issued a photo, seen above, of persons of interest in the shooting. If you have any information, please call 1-800-577-TIPS.

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