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CM CHIN'S STATEMENT ON SENIOR FUNDING IN CITY BUDGET AGREEMENT

CITY HALL – Council Member Chin, Chair of the New York City Council Committee on Aging, issued the following statement in response to yesterday's City budget agreement:

"While yesterday's budget deal demonstrated positive steps forward in our fight for fairness, equity and access for more New Yorkers, including support that builds upon the historic \$23 million of baseline funding that we secured through our 'Year of the Senior' campaign, I am deeply disappointed that critical investments to fund senior meals and eliminate the case management waitlist – two issues that aging advocates across the city have tirelessly championed as core priorities – were left out.

This year, hundreds of seniors wrote letters, reached out to their Council Members and urged the Administration to provide deeper investments in the senior budget. While we are grateful for the Administration's support for NORCs and Senior Center Enhancements, it is clear that we have more work to do to ensure that seniors finally receive their fair share of City funding.

I commend Council Speaker Corey Johnson for his steadfast commitment to support our city's seniors. In the days leading to the passage of the budget, we

will continue to fight to make sure that the voices of these seniors are heard and that their needs aren't neglected."

On June 21 at 10 AM, Council Member Chin will join advocates at a New York City Council Committee on Aging oversight hearing to demand answers from the Administration as to why senior meals and case management services for homebound seniors languishing on waitlists were excluded from the City budget.

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