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CM CHIN PUSHES THE FIGHT FOR FAIR FARES FORWARD IN CHINATOWN



CHINATOWN – Council Member Margaret S. Chin took to the streets on this rainy morning to invite residents of Knickerbocker Village and the larger Chinatown area to be part of the growing movement for fair fares.

“No one should have to choose between a meal and a MetroCard. When 25% of low-income working-age New Yorkers cannot afford to take the subway, it causes a dangerous ripple effect on the long-term stability and livelihood of thousands of families. Today, I spoke with residents about the importance of ensuring that our public transportation system is affordable for all New Yorkers, and why we all must make our voices heard to achieve fair fares for low-income families,” and why we all must make our voices heard to achieve fair fares for low-income families,” said **Council Member Chin**.



The New York City Council is leading a citywide outreach campaign to educate New Yorkers on the fight for fair fares, which would provide discounted MetroCards for those who are living at or below the poverty line.

Roughly 800,000 New Yorkers, making up half of the population of New Yorkers living at or below the poverty line, would qualify for this program and save hundreds of dollars a year.

To demonstrate their support for fair fares, residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on social media and write letters to the Mayor’s office.

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