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SOHO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

On January 19th Council Member Chin attended a meeting of cooperative residents who live in buildings along Broadway. Fourteen buildings were represented along with different property owners and building managers. This meeting gave co-op tenants a chance to voice their thoughts, concerns, and needs for their community in relation to the proposed BID. Residents expressed concerns over the unique challenges a BID faces in a residential community, such as SoHo. In addition, her office reached out to a number of residents and co-ops in the proposed district.

At this juncture, Councilmember Chin has stated that she cannot support the SoHo BID proposal, due to a lack of support from residents of the catchment area and surrounding blocks. Residents felt that the proposal lacked a focus on quality of life issues, and also posed some problems with regards to assessment of residential properties. The Councilmember recognizes that the character of SoHo must be maintained in any discussion of a BID in the area. She and her staff will continue to work with the SoHo BID proposers, residents, and Community Board 2 on potential improvements for this vital neighborhood.

For more information on these or any matters, please contact the Council Member's Office at (212) 587-3159