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## **Council member Chin on decision to remove fuel and generators from Zuccotti Park**

**New York, NY** – Today, members of the FDNY and NYPD confiscated generators and gasoline tanks from Zuccotti Park. Council member Chin was informed by the City earlier this week that the generators would be removed. Council member Chin supported the decision and agreed that the fuel and heat sources presented a clear danger to residents and members of Occupy Wall Street (OWS).

"The generators and gasoline were a major fire hazard that had to be removed for the safety of residents and people in the park," said Council member Chin. "I am encouraged to hear that this issue was resolved without incident. The park must remain open and accessible to law enforcement and emergency personnel, as well as city agencies. I want to thank the City, the FDNY, and the NYPD for their quick action in addressing this issue."

The Council member also took this opportunity to address videos that surfaced earlier this week that show a band of protesters damaging property on Franklin Street in Tribeca.

"The destruction of public and private property by protesters is totally unacceptable," said Council member Chin. "I have zero tolerance for this kind of behavior. Over the last four weeks I have called on OWS to be better neighbors, and they need to hold up their end of the bargain. I have heard reports of violence and harassment in and around the park. Residents have told me they do not feel safe walking alone at night. The protesters must get organized. They must step up and act responsibly."