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## **Council member Margaret Chin on removal of barricades from Wall Street**

**New York, NY** – Today, Council member Margaret Chin was informed that barricades on Wall Street would be removed. The removal of these barricades began early this afternoon. In a joint letter sent to Mayor Bloomberg by local elected officials yesterday, the issue of barricades was discussed.

“I want to thank Mayor Bloomberg and Deputy Mayor Wolfson who have been working with my office to address the problem of barricades on Wall Street. The over-abundance of barricades have resulted in very real hardships for residents and small businesses in the area,” said Council member Margaret Chin, who represents Wall Street, Zuccotti Park.

In a letter to Commissioner Raymond Kelly and Deputy Mayor Holloway dated October 13th 2011, Council member Chin first asked for a reassessment of the barricades on Wall Street after receiving numerous complaints from residents on Wall and Broad Street. Last week, Council member Chin’s office accompanied representatives from City Hall on a tour of Wall Street to highlight the sidewalk congestion and access problems the abundance of barricades has caused.

“The City has been very responsive to this issue and I am confident residential concerns regarding noise and sanitation will be similarly addressed. Noise and sanitation are quality of life issues that the City deals with every day and the rules should not be different in Zuccotti Park,” said Council member Chin.

“For weeks, I have urged OWS representatives to step up and take responsibility for what is going on in the park. In the last week, more residents have come forward saying that they do not feel safe walking home at night. We have to ensure that the right residents have to a safe and secure environment is protected and enforced.”