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Council member Margaret Chin joins Save our Daycare Rally

New York, NY – Today, Council member Chin and 25 members of the New York City Council – a majority -- joined toady to demand that there be NO cuts to daycare service in New York City. The Council members were joined by parents, children, advocates and labor leaders.

Council member Chin called the Bloomberg Administration's proposal to cut 16,500 child care slots unacceptable: "What are working families, single moms, supposed to do -- quit their jobs and do on public assistance? Is that the kind of policy we should be encouraging? We stand behind our daycare centers and the good, charitable work that they do. Daycare makes it possible for parents and caretakers to keep their jobs, keep food on the table, and contribute to society overall. We will not allow this injustice to become reality for millions of working families throughout the five boroughs. Cuts to essential services that keep toddlers and children safe are callous, petty, and we will not allow it to happen."



Priorities 5 & 6, which provide childcare through contracted seats or vouchers for approximately 16,462 children throughout every single council district in New York City, are now on the chopping block. These services are at a premium. The City admits that only 27% of eligible working families have access to this safe, affordable and quality day care. While it seems that every year the administration attempts to balance the city's budget on the backs of our most vulnerable, the targeting of daycare service will cause chaos for working and middle class families, immigrants, single mothers, and caretakers.