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CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD HEARINGS ON FOOD CARTS FOLLOWING CALL FROM COUNCIL MEMBER MARK WEPRIN

In response to a call from Council Member Mark S. Weprin, the New York City Council Committee on Consumer Affairs, chaired by Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick will hold hearings this spring on a variety of issues related to food carts. In the Eastern Queens district that Council Member Weprin represents, food carts have recently appeared on Bell Boulevard, Hillside Avenue, Springfield Boulevard, and Union Turnpike, sparking concerns. Complaints are coming from residents who are concerned about health and safety issues, unfair competition and unsightliness.

“Issues stemming from food carts in our community need to be addressed,” said Council Member Mark Weprin.

The Committee on Consumer Affairs will hold hearings addressing concerns about food safety, waste disposal, and compliance with existing regulations. Council Member Weprin has also called on the City to address the issue in a comprehensive manner by implementing a new plan to regulate where and when food carts operate.