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**STATEMENT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER KEITH POWERS ON RIKERS ISLAND**

"Today's announcement is a meaningful step toward closing Rikers with a commitment to a timeline and process. A decision on land use and siting is a productive step forward that ensures responsible management of the jail's population for a secure shutdown. I am thankful to Mayor Bill de Blasio and Speaker Corey Johnson for their cooperation and commitment to get this done.

The recent news of activity and operations at Rikers is a harsh reminder of our obligation to close the facility as safely and quickly as possible. I look forward to working with the administration and my colleagues in the City Council to close Rikers once and for all."

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