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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN RESPONDS TO REPORT OF MISLEADING PHONE SOLICITATIONS REGARDING WATER STREET TEXT AMENDMENT

Today, Council Member Margaret Chin released the following statement regarding <u>allegations of misleading phone solicitations</u> in support of the Water Street <u>zoning text amendment</u>, which is currently being considered by the City Council:

"I am incredibly troubled by reports that Political Connection, a firm hired to conduct outreach to my constituents, used misleading information in order to solicit support for the Water Street text amendment. At no point was my office aware of misrepresentation by any group about this important issue. Upon learning about this solicitation, my office consulted with legal counsel about possible enforcement action to ensure that these kinds of misleading tactics do not happen again. I would like to assure the dozens of people that wrote letters, testified, and attended meetings on both sides of this issue that it is their voices – not those purporting to represent a City Council office – that will be heeded as the process of determining the future of Water Street continues."

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