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**CACAGNY Congratulates NUBC on Chinatown Jail Lawsuit Victory**

CACAGNY congratulates Neighbors United Below Canal (NUBC) for New York State Supreme Court's historic ruling yesterday September 21 stopping construction of the new Chinatown jail at 125 White Street.

The De Blasio administration planned to construct a new mega-jail in Manhattan's Chinatown, despite broad, vocal community opposition. The ten-year construction would cause irreparable harm to the health and lives of all Chinatown residents, particularly those of seniors at the senior center right next to the proposed site, and bring further devastation to Chinatown's small businesses already struggling to survive the lengthy Covid-19 lockdown.

The Court's order yesterday to halt the construction was in response to an Article 78 lawsuit filed by NUBC on February 14, 2020. NUBC's success is especially critical because, just three days earlier, the De Blasio administration stated that the Mayor intends to forge ahead with the construction, already projected at \$8.7 billion, despite his administration's deep budget troubles. NUBC's success should also be good news to those opposing the other new jail constructions pushed by the De Blasio administration in Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. (*Update: De Blasio responded that he wants to appeal the Court decision, so the fight is not over yet!*)

CACAGNY thanks NUBC and its leadership, Jan Lee, Chris Marte and Howard Huie, for their courageous and tireless activism. We also thank all the steadfast plaintiffs, donors, and supporters from the Chinatown community and beyond.

CACAGNY is honored to serve as the Fiscal Sponsor for NUBC's lawsuit, in support of this historic case to protect our community.

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