

NEWS: Senator Kristen Gonzalez Releases Joint Statement with fellow Manhattan Elected Officials on Major Win for Healthcare Access in Lower Manhattan

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Manhattan Elected officials, including Congressman Jerry Nadler, Sen. Brian Kavanagh, Assemblymember Harvey Epstein, Assemblymember Deborah Glick, and others, joined by community advocates, rally to save Beth Israel Hospital

Joint Statement by Rep. Jerry Nadler, Rep. Dan Goldman, Senator Kristen Gonzalez, Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Senator Brian Kavanagh, Senator Liz Krueger, Assemblymember Harvey Epstein, Assemblymember Deborah Glick, Assemblymember Grace Lee, Assemblymember Tony Simone, Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, Councilmember Erik Bottcher, Councilmember Christopher Marte, Councilmember Keith Powers, Councilmember Carlina Rivera

"The State Department of Health has returned Mount Sinai Beth Israel's closure plan, calling it incomplete and citing inconsistencies in their submission. This is a major win for our community, which has for months been raising the alarm about the negative effects this planned closure would have on access to healthcare in Lower Manhattan. While this is not an outright rejection of the plan, it brings more accountability to one of the biggest health systems in New York. We will continue working to protect health care access for over 400,000 New Yorkers in Lower Manhattan."

## RELATED LEGISLATION

## 2023-S8843

- Introduced
- o In Committee Assembly
  - o In Committee Senate
- o On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- o Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Vetoed By Governor
- Signed By Governor

Requires public notice and public engagement when a general hospital seeks to close entirely or a unit that provides maternity, mental health or substance use care

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Vetoed

Sponsored by Gustavo Rivera

Do you support this bill?