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**GIANARIS, NOLAN, VAN BRAMER ANNOUNCE COMPLETION OF MTA NOISE SILENCER PROJECT IN LONG ISLAND CITY**

Queens, NY – Due to the efforts of Senator Michael Gianaris, Assemblymember Cathy Nolan, and Councilmember Jimmy Van Bramer, sound abatement equipment for the 7 train ventilator plant in Hunter’s Point has successfully been installed. The elected officials’ secured funding for the equipment last year after complaints of ear-splitting sounds coming from the MTA East River ventilator, located at 50th Avenue between 5th Street and Center Street.

NYC Transit President, Thomas Prendergast, sent a letter to the three elected officials in October indicating that the equipment’s installation was complete and area noise levels reduced.

Before the new equipments’ installation, sounds coming from the fan reached over 80 decibels. Since its installation, however, sound measurements indicate the fan is emitting sounds averaging 62.3 decibels, which is not much different from ambient city noise levels of 61.6 decibels when the fan is not in operation.

Senator Gianaris said, “As Long Island City continues to grow and attract more families, we must ensure that the neighborhood provides a welcoming quality of life. The noise reduction achieved by this project will eliminate ear-splitting noise and allow local residents to live and sleep more comfortably.”

Assemblywoman Nolan said, “This sound abatement equipment will help to reduce the noise caused by MTA exhaust fans that are next to residential buildings in Long Island City. This noise has long adversely affected the quality of life for many residents in Western Queens. This is a great opportunity to redress a long-standing problem in Long Island City which now has thousands of new residents. I am pleased that we were able to work with the MTA to make this project happen.”

Council Member Van Bramer said, “The installation of sound abatement equipment in the Hunters Point South area is a major improvement in the quality of life for residents and businesses in the area. Long Island City has become one of the most desirable destinations in New York City, and shouldn’t be tainted with excessive noise. I was proud to work quickly with my colleagues and the MTA to allocate funding for this change, and will continue to work for continued progress in Long Island City.”

NYC Transit President Prendergast said, “We are grateful for your support of the successful installation of new sound abatement equipment at the No. 7 Line Fan Plant in Long Island City. Your financial contribution to this project will be extremely beneficial to the residents of the area as we continue the vital work of improving service along the Flushing Line with combined projects that include tunnel work, track replacement and the installation of a state-of-the-art signaling system designed to increase service and reliability.”

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