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Brooklyn, NY – State Senator Stephen T. Chan today issued a forceful statement opposing the City’s decision to place a homeless shelter in the middle of Sheepshead Bay, calling the move a direct assault that endangers the integrity of our hardworking family neighborhoods.

“The City’s Administration wants to put a homeless shelter in the middle of our neighborhoods, next to schools and day care centers. In our backyards. In our communities. And they expect us to stay quiet? Is it any wonder why the people of Sheepshead Bay are furious? Is it any wonder why families who worked their whole lives to build a safe and stable community for their children to live in are now saying enough is enough,” **blasted New York State Senator Chan.**

New York State Senator Chan represents parts of Brooklyn and vehemently criticized the New York City Mayor’s latest move, placing homeless shelters in residential family neighborhoods. The mayor’s priorities are completely out of touch with Brooklyn residents.

“Our subways are a mess. Turnstile jumpers continue to roam free. Car thieves hit every block. Reckless riders fly down sidewalks on scooters. And what does the mayor do? Nothing to stop those who continue to break the law. Instead, he prioritizes dropping a homeless shelter in our neighborhood where law-abiding residents live. These are good people who play by the rules, and the mayor has decided that these are the people he is going to arrest,” **continued Senator Steve Chan.**

Senator Chan reaffirmed his commitment to stand with the Brooklyn community and fight against the homeless shelter plan using every legal and legislative option available.

“Homeless shelters don’t belong in our residential neighborhoods, period. We will not stand for this. We will not be quiet. We will not let this city punish the people who built it. Sheepshead Bay is not a dumping ground. It is a neighborhood. It is our home to the elderly, to children, and

to families. We are going to defend our community at whatever cost,” **concluded Senator Steve Chan.**

The Senator’s office is currently reviewing all legal, legislative, and procedural actions to block the shelter and ensure that community voices are heard.

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