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CHINATOWN, PHILADELPHIA – The Chinatown Steering Committee has scheduled a series of town hall meetings regarding the 76ers arena proposals. These will be listening sessions to receive comments and concerns from our Chinatown businesses, residents and other Chinatown stakeholders. It is essential that we hear from all constituencies, from all who cherish Chinatown.

The Committee cares deeply about our community and our members have serious misgivings about the proposal to erect the 76ers arena at the southern boundary of Chinatown. We have grave concerns about the impact of the arena on our businesses and our residents. We want to listen to everyone and to have community input to inform our response to the City and to the Philadelphia 76ers.

Our committee members are Chinatown residents, small business owners, and workers. Our network has more than 50 organizations and 120 businesses. Our members are first generation immigrants. Our members represent venerable organizations, such as the Chinese Benevolent Association, Chinese Christian Church and Center, Holy Redeemer Chinese Catholic Church and School, and Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation. The members of the committee have a combined 300 years of history serving Chinatown and are committed to protecting Chinatown from any development that would put Chinatown's survival at risk.

Town hall meetings will be held at Crane Chinatown Community Center on the following dates:

January 9th at 2:00 p.m. for business owners and representatives

January 18th at 7:00 p.m. for Chinatown residents

January 29th at 1:00 p.m. for those who visit, attend Church, send their children to school in Chinatown or who patronize Chinatown businesses

List of Committee Members

Mabel Chan, Co-Chair (CBA - Chinese Benevolent Association 中华公所)

John Chin, Co-Chair (PCDC - Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation 费城华埠发展会)

Dan Tsao, Co-Chair (EMei Restaurant, PCBA - Philadelphia Chinatown Business Association 费城华埠商会)

TianChen Zhang, Co-Chair (PCCOU - Philadelphia Chinese Community Organizations United 大费城侨学界华人社团联席会议)

Father Tom Betz (Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and School)

Shawn Cheung (Golden Chopsticks Restaurant)

Margaret Chin (Chinatown Resident)

Michael Chow (Sang Kee Restaurant)

Reverend Wayne Lee (Chinese Christian Church & Center)

Sam Leung (Tai Lake Restaurant)

Kevin Ma (Chinatown Resident)

Holly Meng (PCCOU)

Adam Xu (Chinatown Square)

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