



*****Press Advisory *****

**Taxi Memorial Service and Call to Action for the Immediate Passage
Of Councilman Ruben Diaz FHV Legislation: Intro. 0838-2018**

Where: City Hall Steps

When: Thursday, June 7th

Time: 3 PM

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The Taxi medallion industry is holding a memorial for the families of Kenny Chow and Nicanor Ochisor—the latest financially struggling taxi medallion owners who took their lives due to the dire state of the industry.

Kenny Chow and Nicanor Ochisor's family will be in attendance.

The tragedies are linked to real world situations that demand political remedies. All medallion owners-and taxi drivers of all stripes-are facing dire economic circumstances whose causes emanate from regulatory inertia and political fecklessness. The upcoming fight over the reform bills being spearheaded by CM Ruben Diaz will reveal the extent to which lawmakers "get it."

Please stand with the families of the deceased, taxi medallion owners, and Reverend Diaz, in their prayers and immediate call to action on passing intro. **0838-2018**.

One simple question remains: many more need to die? If any other NYC industry had 5 suicides in the past 6 months, immediate action would be taken. This industry should be NO different. Council Member Ruben Diaz legislation MUST pass NOW. Thousands of lives are depending on it.

"Medallion owners are tired of your thoughts and prayers. They need legislative action and real powerful change right now before more taxi owners die." Brad Gerstman, NYETA Spokesman