New York Press Photographers Association, National Press Photographers Association and other press organizations join with Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez to call for passage of Intro 332 that will allow media to park at assignments

Steps of City Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Prior to a City Council public hearing on the right of the media to park at assignments, a press conference with Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez and several media organizations will be held on the steps of New York City Hall at 9:30am, June 12, 2018.

The press conference will be addressing the need for Intro 332, which addresses newspersons need to park legally in commercial zones at assignments, during both emergency and non-emergency situations, just as any other business can currently do. The media currently is believed to be the only businesses in the State of New York to be deprived of the right to park in commercial zones. While some “NYP” parking zones have been established for the media, they are too few and often nowhere near news stories. And they are not enforced by the City so any number of non-press vehicles park in these zones and are not ticketed or towed. Many of these offenders are city owned or operated vehicles.

The press conference will also address concerns over what some in the media feel is a pattern of harassment by the City. That harassment has escalated beyond a ticket, to both booting and towing of press vehicles, thereby depriving members of the media the ability to cover news which is guaranteed under the First Amendment.

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