

The position of the Museum of Chinese in America (MOCA) concerning the building of a jail in Chinatown, New York City, is simple:

MOCA IS AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO BUILDING A JAIL IN CHINATOWN

Consistent with this position, the MOCA team has expressed MOCA's opposition to a Chinatown jail in public interviews, conversations, and meetings with hundreds of people across the spectrum of Chinatown organizations, Asian American organizations, and community advocacy groups since plans were first announced in August 2018. MOCA has also documented this activism as an important part of the history of activism in Chinatown.

To the extent that MOCA's position may not have been understood by some individuals who advocate for Chinatown, we hope that this statement places any lingering doubts to rest and allows all of us to move forward continuing our respective roles in preserving Chinatown's place, history, and character.

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