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Good afternoon, my name is Chai Jindasurat-Yasui and I am Vice President of Policy at Nonprofit New York. Nonprofit New York is a membership organization representing 1,100 nonprofit organizations across New York City. We champion nonprofits through capacity building and advocacy to cultivate a unified, just, and powerful sector.

I would first like to ask the City: Why 15? And why are we not being consulted and informed about where programming and services will be cut?

Based on our initial analysis of the November Plan, crucial programming and services provided by nonprofit organizations will bear a disproportionate brunt of immediate budget cuts this fiscal year - from language access, to after-school programs to our arts and cultural institutions.

The additional 5% planned cuts in January would be detrimental to the continued running of these community programs. Nonprofit organizations touch every vital aspect of daily life - from public education, health and human services, cultural enrichment to language access. That's why Nonprofit New York joins over 250 organizations in the #WHY15 campaign to ask for transparency and inclusion in the City's budget. We call on the City to partner with the nonprofit sector and work toward creative solutions - not hinder us further. The City cannot withstand a 15% cut to its budget, and any additional cuts to the nonprofit sector will only undermine the public safety, health, and cleanliness of New York City.

We ask that the City:

- Provide analysis for why a 15 percent cut is necessary
- Include and work with nonprofits toward financially sustainable solutions
- Establish a City Council Committee on Nonprofits

Thank you,

Chai Jindasurat-Yasui