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**JURY DUTY DOWNTOWN? “TRY” CHINATOWN  
FOR A DELICIOUS, AFFORDABLE LUNCH**

**NEW YORK, NY - July 13, 2004** - The jury’s still out. To lunch.

We will now proceed with opening statements. With over 10 distinct, authentic Asian cuisines and dozens of restaurants located just blocks from Manhattan’s downtown courthouses, Chinatown is the most appealing option for jurors seeking a delicious, satisfying lunch. Fresh, inexpensive and instantly accessible, Chinatown’s eateries provide a welcome midday respite for jurors looking to take a break from the trials of...well...trials. In fact, the prospect of having lunch in Chinatown may even be enticing enough to stop New Yorkers from grimacing when they receive that unplanned, unwanted jury duty notice in the mail. But please, don’t reach a verdict on mere hearsay; allow us to plead our case.

**Presenting Exhibit A: Quality and diversity of food.** Restaurants serving almost a dozen different Asian cuisines can be found in Chinatown, many of which are a brief walk from Manhattan’s downtown courthouse. Cantonese, Malaysian, and Szechuan are just a few of the options available to jurors for a delicious, satisfying lunch. Deliberators seeking a delectable midday meal will find dumpling and noodle houses, establishments specializing in Asian-style vegetarian cuisine, and restaurants serving a la carte dim sum at their fingertips and, from there, the tips of their tongues. And as Chinatown features New York’s finest, most authentic Asian food, the jury will certainly *not* be out on the quality of the food.

**Exhibit B is proximity.** Several of Chinatown’s best restaurants – including those along Mott Street, the unofficial main drag of downtown dining – are just a few blocks away. Exit the courthouse, walk north for half a block to Worth Street, and turn right. Another short two blocks bring jurors in the heart of Chinatown and its plethora of quality restaurants.

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**And finally, Exhibit C: the check.** Chinatown may very well be the most inexpensive neighborhood in New York City to find an outstanding lunch. Those lunching will have no problems whatsoever finding a complete sit-down meal for \$10 or less – affordable even on a juror’s stipend.

“The best part of jury duty in Manhattan is lunch in Chinatown. There are dozens of high quality restaurants within walking distance from the courthouses that specifically cater to hungry jurors by offering a plethora of lunch specials. The restaurants within the vicinity of the courthouses are some of the most diverse restaurants in Chinatown. In addition to Chinese, there’s also Vietnamese, Japanese, Thai and Malaysian establishments to choose from.”

Following is a sampling of Chinatown restaurants in close proximity to Manhattan’s downtown courthouse:

**Cantonese/Chiuchow:**

*Bo Ky* - 78-80 Bayard Street, (212) 406-2292

*Wo Hop* - 17 Mott Street, (212) 267-2536

**Dim Sum:**

*A and B Lobster King House* - 1 Mott Street, (212) 566-0930

**Dumplings and Noodles:**

*Excellent Dumpling* - 111 Lafayette Street, (212) 219-0212

*Marco Polo Noodle* - 94 Baxter Street, (212) 941-6679

**Fusion (Asian/Western):**

*XO Cafe and Grill* - 96 Walker Street, (212) 941-7228

**Japanese:**

*Mikata Japanese Cuisine* -- 150 Centre Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, (212) 925-9984

**Malaysian:**

*Jaya Malaysian Restaurant* - 90 Baxter Street, (212) 219-3331

**Thai:**

*Pongsri Thai* -- 106 Bayard Street (at Baxter Street), (212) 349-3132

**Vegetarian**

*Vegetarian’s Paradise* -- 33 Mott Street, (212) 406-6988

**Vietnamese:**

*Nha Trang* -- 148 Centre Street, (212) 941-9292

For more information on restaurants within brief walking distance from Manhattan's downtown courthouse, please visit [www.ExploreChinatown.com](http://www.ExploreChinatown.com).

**About Chinatown New York City**

Chinatown New York City, combines authentic Asian-American culture with the energy and influence of the most exciting city in the world. With over 200 restaurants, numerous Asian bakeries and tea houses, jewelry shops, arts and antique stores, an active nightlife and dozens of cultural attractions and landmarks, Chinatown stands as a world within a city. Whether dining, shopping, or strolling down the charming, narrow streets, visitors to Chinatown New York City, will find virtually limitless opportunities for new experiences and added insight.

Located on the east side of Lower Manhattan, Chinatown New York City, is the largest in the United States. The neighborhood has been growing steadily since the mid-1800s, and today stands as a vibrant community offering the opportunity to enjoy and explore Asian-American culture. Chinatown New York City is easily accessible via many New York City MTA subways and buses, as well as several convenient area parking garages. For more information, visit [www.ExploreChinatown.com](http://www.ExploreChinatown.com).

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