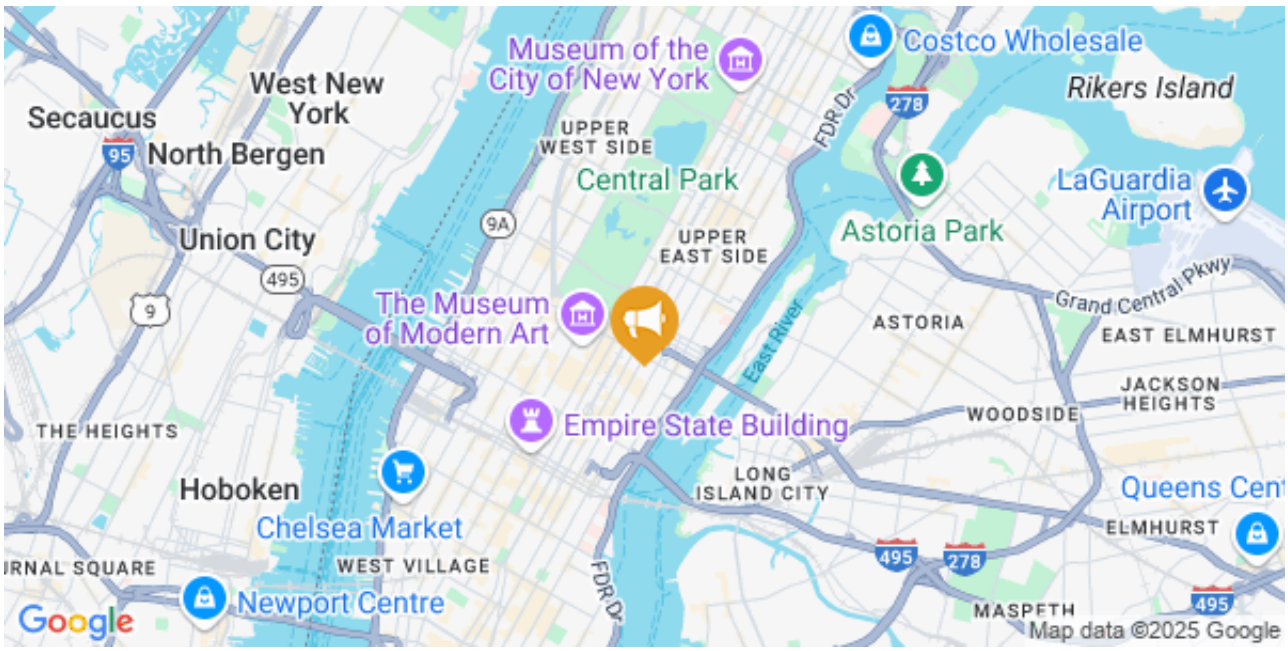
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USA Tactical (UPDATE): Nonprofit calls for protest demanding Mayor Eric Adams' resignation outside 919 Third Avenue building in New York City, NY at 10:00 (local time) on February 18; maintain heightened vigilance

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Current Situation

- Nonprofit organization, New York Communities for Change has called for a protest outside 919 Third Avenue building in New York City, NY at 10:00 (local time) on February 18.
- The protest is being organized to demand New York Governor Kathy Hochul to remove New York City Mayor Eric Adams from office, citing concerns about his leadership and potential compromises with the ruling administration of President Donald Trump. These stem from allegations of Mayor Adams' attorneys allegedly offering a "quid pro quo" to President Trump's administration, promising cooperation on immigration crackdowns in exchange for the dismissal of a five-count criminal indictment against Adams.



Source: New York Communities for Change

Assessments & Forecast

1. The upcoming protest in New York City follows similar demonstrations over the same issue in recent days. A coalition of activist groups held a peaceful protest at the New York City Hall on February 17, witnessing turnouts in the mid-to-high dozens. Another protest was held on February 16 by New York Communities for Change in association with other groups such as the Food & Water Watch, Make the Road New York, Rise and Resist, and Jews for Racial and Economic Justice. This protest resulted in a crowd of approximately 200 protesters and transpired peacefully.
2. **FORECAST:** Based on precedent and the mobilizational capabilities of the New York Communities for Change, the upcoming protest is expected to witness a turnout in the high-dozens to low-hundreds. Protests over the same issue on February 16 and 17 suggest that the upcoming protest is likely to transpire without major unrest. However, considering the heightened sentiments surrounding Mayor Adams' resignation, there is a latent risk of unrest in the form of scuffles between protesters and security forces, as seen during protests on September 21, 2024. Should the demonstrations escalate, security officials are liable to arrest disruptive protesters. Hence, a bolstered security presence is likely around the 919 Third Avenue building to monitor proceedings and divert traffic. Hence, disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian traffic are anticipated in the vicinity of the 919 Third Avenue building during the morning rush hours.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in New York City, NY on February 18 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance from the morning hours onwards near the 919 Third Avenue building due to the slated protest.
2. Allot for disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic near the protest locations.