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State Senator José M. Serrano

Reports to the People

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The Capitol
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OFFICE HOURS

DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS ARE
FROM 9 AM-5 PM, MONDAY-
FRIDAY.

ROOSEVELT ISLAND

OFFICE HOURS

CONSTITUENT SERVICES/
OFFICE HOURS ARE THE 1ST
WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT THE RIOC OF-
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Senator Serrano Meets with Members of DC37

May 3, 2011

In the Albany Convention Center, State Senator José M. Serrano met with members of District Council 37 who reside in his district, to discuss several issues of importance—including the need for strengthening and reforming rent regulation laws. With the potential expiration of rent regulations on June 15th, these constituents voiced their concerns and fears that thousands of tenants will be forced out of their residences.

"Particularly in this diffi-

cult economy, we must ensure strong tenant protection measures to keep housing affordable and keep families in their homes," said Senator Serrano.



Senator Serrano Addresses Rent Reform

It is estimated that over 300,000 units of affordable housing will be removed from rent regula-

tion if legislation extending these protections isn't passed and signed into law. Senator Serrano is the co-sponsor of the rent reform legislative package which would help protect New York's most vulnerable tenants.

"The passage of pro-tenant legislation is vital to the health of our community and our economy. I look forward to working with my colleagues to do everything possible to provide proper rent regulations for New York's tenants."

Senator Serrano is Offering Free Mammogram Screenings

Senator Serrano is sponsoring Free Mammogram Screenings throughout his district for women 40 years of age and older who have not had a mammogram in the past year. Women who are eligible for the free screenings can be uninsured or covered by Medicaid/Medicare/Affinity/Fedelis/GHI/Local 1199/Oxford/Cigna United Health Care and other insurance plans accepted.

Call 1-800-564-6868 for an appointment.



Friday, May 20, 2011
8 a.m.—12 p.m.

Highbridge Senior Center

1145 University Ave
Bronx, NY 10452

Tuesday, May 31, 2011
1:30 p.m.—4 p.m.

Leonard Covello Senior Center

312 East 109th Street
NY, NY 10029

Friday, June 3, 2011
8:30 p.m.—4 p.m.

Good Shepherd Church

Church Plaza
Roosevelt Island, NY

Thursday, June 9, 2011
8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Stanley Isaacs Center

414 East 93rd Street, NYC
10128

Senate Adopts Resolution Declaring May Lupus Awareness Month

May 4, 2011

The New York State Senate unanimously passed a Resolution (J767/K347) requesting that Governor Andrew M. Cuomo proclaim May 2011 as Lupus Awareness Month in the State of New York. The Resolution was sponsored in the Senate by Senator Joseph A. Griffo and co-sponsored by Senator José M. Serrano.

Lupus is a chronic dis-

ease affecting the immune system, causing it to become hyperactive



Serrano Speaks on the Senate Floor

and attack normal tissue. 90 percent of the thousands of people diagnosed with lupus each

year are women, and the illness is most prevalent among African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asians.

"The 28th Senate District has some of the highest percentages of people diagnosed with lupus," said Senator Serrano.

"Considering that our community already suffers from major disparities in healthcare treatment and access, it is clear that we must do

everything we can to help residents understand the importance of getting tested for the disease. Officially adopting May as Lupus Awareness Month will also help us raise awareness of the services available to those already living with lupus."

The Resolution also passed the New York State Assembly where it was sponsored by Assemblywoman Vanessa Gibson.

Senator Serrano Co-Sponsors Immigration Forum

March 26, 2011

Senator Serrano co-sponsored a forum, hosted by Senator Bill Perkins, designed to answer the tough questions on the latest immigration issues. Local elected officials, immigration advocates and community organizations discussed various topics, including workers rights, wage theft and unemployment insurance benefits, immigration fraud, the Secure Communities program, immigration consequences of criminal con-

victions, and violence against women.

"We have many great challenges in this country, but there is no time to waste on immigration reform. Not when every delay means another broken family. Not when every delay means that another hard working immigrant gets taken advantage of by a predatory, fraudulent company," said Senator Serrano.

"Knowledge is power, and I'd like to thank Senator Perkins for organizing this forum, which

will arm immigrants and their families with what they need to know regarding the most pressing immigration issues facing our communities today."

The forum was held at Wadleigh High School in Harlem, and was widely attended by local advocates and families.



Senator Serrano Discusses the Issues Immigrants are Facing in New York

Constituent Hours

The 28th District consists of Yorkville, East Harlem, Roosevelt Island and parts of the South and West Bronx. Regardless of where in the district you reside, Senator Serrano's office is at your service to answer questions and address your concerns.

District Office: Our District Office staff is available for all of our constituents Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm.
157 EAST 104TH STREET

Bronx Constituent Hours: Senator Serrano's office provides monthly Constituent Services in the Bronx in rotating locations. (Be sure to check our website and Community Board Reports for dates and locations!)

Roosevelt Island Constituent Hours: Senator Serrano's Office holds Office Hours on Roosevelt Island every 1st Wednesday of each month from 4pm-7pm
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