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Free Passport Application Assistance Event draws crowds to get documents ready for summer travels

**Brooklyn, NY-** Senator Parker kicked off his annual free summer mobile event series of community outreach projects with the U. S. Passport Application Assistance Day this past Friday. Over 30 families attended the event held at the District Office from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm. Staff from the U.S. Department of State New York Passport Agency assisted constituents with their applications. Some of the families that attended brought partially completed applications and others picked up applications and all received assistance completing them on site.

"The delays many people have experienced waiting for their passports are frustrating and unacceptable. The free passport event will help ease the passport backlog so people can travel overseas to visit relatives, take a vacation, conduct business or study abroad," said Senator Parker. "My office will continue to do everything possible to ensure residents of the 21<sup>st</sup> District receive their passports in a timely fashion."

The event featured passport applications including form completion, photocopying of relevant documents, final checks of applications, submission and tracking of the applications. As of July 14, 2008, a passport book, passport card, or acceptable documentation is now needed for travel, said a representative from the New York Passport Agency.

In anticipation of a future trip, one of the attendees visiting the office comments, "the staff members were friendly and accommodating and everything completed in one stop."

Senator Parker's free summer series has grown into one of the most popular events within the community, offering Central Brooklyn residents an array of services to include reduce fare metro card for seniors and small business loans advice for owners. For more information on a detailed list of Sen. Parker's 2009 summer events calendar, please contact the district office at 718-629-6401.

## **About Senator Kevin Parker**

Senator Kevin S. Parker is committed to restoring the overall quality of life for the constituents of the 21<sup>st</sup> Senatorial District in Brooklyn. A lifelong Brooklyn resident, Senator Parker has been a Flatbush resident for more than 27 years. Having been nurtured, schooled and employed in the district, Senator Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of this ethnically diverse community that consists of 311,000 constituents in several communities which include: Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington and Borough Park.

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