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## Senator Sanders Celebrates Women's History Month with Business Symposium

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Senator James Sanders Jr. (D-Rochdale Village, Far Rockaway) celebrated Women's History Month with a Women in Business Symposium on March 26, 2017 at the Rosedale American Legion featuring business owners, budding entrepreneurs and those seeking to explore economic development opportunities.

"When women move, the world changes," Sanders said. "When women decide that enough is enough, then the world changes. As women progress, so do families."

The event provided a day to celebrate women making a difference in their communities, an outlet to encourage women to start their own businesses, and an opportunity to meet and network with successful women and make valuable connections.

Sanders advised the attendees to get certified as Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs) so they can compete for city and state contracts. Sanders currently leads the Senate's new Task Force on MWBEs, a subcommittee which will work to find innovative ways, both legislatively and otherwise, to help empower these businesses and grow New York's economy.

Sanders said the Senate task force would soon begin hearings to insist that city and state MWBEs get their share of contracts. "We want America to be America for everybody," Sanders said. In addition, he said he would use his role as the ranking Democrat on the Senate Banking Committee and Senate Labor Committee to fight for improvements.

Audience members at the event were exposed to a diverse group of business leaders who will continue to mentor them, acting as a resource and assisting with services in the areas of financial management, marketing, advertising and employee management. The goals of the event were to recognize female entrepreneurs; recruit Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs) and acquire and make

