

## Senator Kevin Parker Hosts 14th Annual Harvest Fest – Back-To-School Celebration!

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BROOKLYN, NY (8/28/17) – On Saturday, August 26th State Senator Kevin Parker hosted his 14th Annual Harvest Fest Back-To-School Celebration at Paerdegat Park in Brooklyn, NY.

This essential community event was held in partnership with Health First, Capital One,

Sesame Flyers International, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Delta Rho Omega

Chapter and Spectrum. During the event Senator Parker distributed over 1,500 backpacks

filled with school supplies to students throughout Central Brooklyn as well as other parts of

New York City. During the event families were treated to free food and informational health consultations. The event included live entertainment and cultural art performances by Ifetayo Cultural Arts Academy, as well as other local organizations. Other activities included an outdoor mobile library station where youth were able to broaden their literacy and reading comprehension horizons, compliments of the Brooklyn Library.

"The Annual Harvest Fest – Back-To-School Celebration is one of my favorite events. Every year during Harvest Fest I have the opportunity to engage with families and get students excited for the new school year" said Senator Kevin Parker. "Being prepared with school supplies is the first step to ensuring academic success, this event helps ensure these students are firmly supported in taking that first step," concluded the Brooklyn lawmaker.

"It's always a joy to be an active sponsor in Senator Kevin Parker's Annual Harvest Fest. Each year we are thoroughly impressed by all the hard work and dedication that Senator Kevin Parker puts into his community. The members of our chapter are proud to be on the ground encouraging the youth within our community to make education a number one priority," said Karen St. Hilaire, First Vice President, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Delta Rho Omega Chapter.

## **About Senator Kevin Parker**

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn district comprised of sections of Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope. A lifelong Brooklyn resident, he is the Ranking Democratic Member on the Senate Committee on Energy and Telecommunications, as well as the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

Senator Parker is the Whip of the Senate Democratic Conference; Member of the Senate Democratic Conference Policy Group; Member of the Senate Select Committee on Technology & Innovation; and Member of the Senate Democratic Minority and Women-Owned Business Task Force (MWBE).

For the 2017-2018 Legislative Session, Senator Parker serves on the Senate Standing Committees on Finance; Rules; Higher education; Labor; Insurance, and Banks.

To learn more about Senator Parker and his initiatives on behalf of working families across New York State, please visit www.nysenate.gov/senators/kevin-s-parker.