

**NEW YORK STATE SENATOR** 

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## Senator Chu and staff joined by community leaders at District Office Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting

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Brooklyn, NY The office of Senator Iwen Chu (SD-17) welcomed the community Friday afternoon during an office grand opening at the Senator's new District Office, located at 6605 Fort Hamilton Parkway.

Constituents and community leaders, local business owners, and elected officials from around the 17th Senate District toured Chu's newly occupied office space. The United Chinese Association of Brooklyn Lion Dance Team performed a traditional Lion Dance symbolizing good fortune. Senator Chu made remarks before cutting the ribbon at her district office.

Our district office is up and running, and I am grateful to have such a supportive team by my side, ready to assist the diverse communities we represent. I value a strong and responsive constituent services operation and we are here to help in any way that we can." said NYS Senator Iwen Chu. "I'm proud to join community members to open and cut the ribbon for my district office! It's great to be surrounded by the diversity that is reflective of southern Brooklyn. I look forward to being a resource for my constituents and to working towards addressing our most urgent needs. Sincere thanks to all who joined my staff and I for this wonderful event."

"Congratulations to Senator Chu and her amazing staff on the grand opening of their office. Having an Asian-American state senator, who's office provides language access in ten languages speaks to the commitment to diversity that Senator Chu brings to New York State." said Bibi Esahack, Executive Director of Bay Ridge Community Development Center. The Arab-Muslim American community is honored to call Iwen our friend and representative. Best of luck!"

"CPC is excited to attend the grand opening of Senator Chu's district office. Senator Chu's district office will enable the constituents of SD 17 and CPC's community members expanded access to State resources." Said Steve Mei, Director Brooklyn Community Services of Chinese-American Planning Council. "CPC is looking forward to continuing partnering with the Senator Chu and her team to ensure all community members have equitable access to services and resources."

"State Senator Iwen Chu has already shown that she intends to be accessible to all members of the community," said Randy Peers, President and CEO of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. "Her district office and the diverse staff she has hired demonstrates a level of thoughtfulness and inclusion that sets a new standard for district representation. I am very excited to be working with her and her team."

"Senator Chu has gone above and beyond to build crucial relationships with her diverse district" said Yeruchim Silber, Director of NY Governmental Relations at Agudath Israel. "Towards that same goal, she has opened an office ready to address the needs of her multifaceted constituency."

"I'm thrilled to join Senator Chu and other community members at her district office grand opening" said Sam Sutton, President of the Sephardic Community Federation. "Senator Chu has opened her doors to anyone in need of assistance and reaffirmed her commitment to being a strong fighter for our communities."

Councilmember Alexa Aviles, former Assemblyman Peter J Abbate, Brooklyn Community Board 7 chair Julio Pena, and NYPD 62<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Community Council President Sonia Valentin representative from Congressman Dan Goldman's office were in attendance.

Senator Chu's district office has a full-time staff available to provide assistance to constituents. Regular office hours at the office are Monday through Friday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. During operating hours, constituents can call (718) 333-0311 or stop by to speak with a member of Chu's constituent services staff. Senator Chu also operates mobile office hours at the New Utrecht Library, located at 1743 86th St. Thursdays 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.