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2010 has been both an exciting and challenging year for all of us.

I am proud to have joined my Senate colleagues in working hard to help many New Yorkers meet these challenging times. Needless to say, 2011 promises to be a year of new challenges and exciting opportunities. We all know the daunting task that lies before us as we work with our new Governor and legislative colleagues to deal with the State's fiscal crisis. I am confident that our initiatives aimed at helping New Yorkers to live, work and raise their families will continue to enrich our communities.

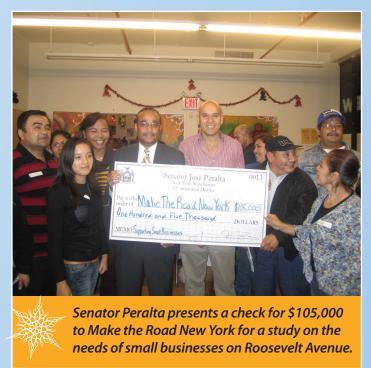
I am committed to fighting for hard-working families and members of our community who are struggling through these tough economic times.

During my brief tenure, I have sponsored a series of events that have been both informative and significant to the health and growth of our community. Working with local community organizations, we held a series of workshops throughout the district about combating domestic violence, foreclosure prevention, identity theft protection, Alzheimer's awareness, Section 8 housing and co-op/condo owner rights. We hosted town hall meetings, health screenings and launched a district-wide domestic violence campaign with members of the clergy, Safe Horizon and the Queens District Attorney's office. I also worked closely with the Board of Elections to ensure that my constituents were familiar with the new voting machines by sponsoring demonstrations of the new paper ballots and optical scan machines at seven locations across the district.

I am proud to have provided opportunities for our community to come together and enjoy our beautiful neighborhoods. I was happy to host free "Movies Under the Stars" and to sponsor free concerts in Travers Park. We celebrated the opening of the 78th Street Play Street program, a car-free zone open to all on 78th Street, between 34th Ave and Northern Boulevard. The 78th Street Play Street provided space for neighborhood events, socializing, an open area for our kids to play and better access to the local Greenmarket. I hope to extend the Play Street year round.

I am grateful to have another opportunity to serve as your voice in Albany. My staff and I are always ready to help you with any matter of importance, so please don't hesitate to contact or visit my district office. I wish you a safe and joyous holiday season, and a new year filled with good health and prosperity.















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