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Councilman Martinez and Speaker Gifford Miller Make Community Visits in Northern Manhattan **Senior Center Visit**



Recognizing the invaluable contribution and important place that seniors have in our community, Council Member Martinez and Speaker Miller visited local senior centers. Several seniors shared their experiences and voiced their concerns about issues affecting the elderly community. Both Martinez and Miller are strong opponents of the frozen meal lunches proposed by Bloomberg and they are committed to restoring funding for senior centers in New York City. At the Ft. Washington and ARC senior centers, Martinez and Miller took time out to share a few stories and laughs with seniors at lunchtime.

Lead Safe House Visit

Martinez and Miller also visited the Lead Safe House of the Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation. In the context of the historic passage of the Lead Paint Bill (Int. 101-A) that has provided additional safeguards to eradicate the threat of lead poisoning, Martinez and Miller highlighted the importance of public awareness, early detection and the availability of treatment for lead poisoning that affects so many families and children.



Thursday is Immigration Day at the Office of Council Member Martinez

Each Thursday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Jose Jacobo helps community members apply for residency, citizenship and family reunification. Thus far, the office of Council Member Martinez has helped over 2,000 local residents maneuver through the challenging application processes that many immigrants face. On the Thursday prior to the recent application fee increase, over 30 community members visited our office seeking guidance to submit their paperwork before the fee increase took effect. As a proud example of his work, Jacobo describes the case of Maria. After waiting for over ten years to receive her green card, Jacobo was able to check on the status of Maria's case and ensure that it was being attended to properly. After working with Jacobo, Maria has finally received her green card!

Town Hall Meeting Held In Marble Hill

Joined by various city agencies, Council Member Martinez and the Marble Hill Improvement Corporation hosted a town hall meeting to update the community on the opening of the new 225th Street mall. With an attendance of over 100 people, the community engaged in an important dialogue regarding the impact of this new development and employment opportunities. Furthermore, as soon as job applications are available, local community members can apply for job openings at the mall in the Councilman's district office. The **next Town Hall Meeting** will provide a **budget update** and it will be held on **May 13th** at the **Isabella Geriatric Center** on 515 Audubon Avenue (at 190th Street) from **7:30 to 9:00 P.M.**