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Dromm Delivers 2011 State of the District Address
*Dromm Highlights Accomplishments During his First Year
and Outlines Top Priorities for the Future*

Jackson Heights, NY, March 11, 2011 -- On Thursday, New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm delivered his 2011 State of the District Address at the Jewish Center of Jackson Heights. The event began with a video presentation that highlighted his accomplishments during his first year in office including the addition of 600 new school seats to the district, the expansion of open space and the procurement of funding for various community based immigrant organizations.

Dromm, who represents the 25th District (Jackson Heights, Elmhurst, East Elmhurst, LeFrak City, Corona, Rego Park and Woodside), delivered a multimedia presentation not only to showcase what his office has been able to do in the past 15 months but to also lay out a plan to address the challenges his district will face in the next three years.

In his speech, Dromm outlined his top priorities for the upcoming year. He discussed the establishment of an Immigrant Opportunity Center in the district, the addition of a Primary Health Care facility in the community, and the need to add revenue to the City's budget through a more progressive income tax code which he called "Fair Share Taxes."

Dromm stated, "A top priority for me in the next year is to move forward with a plan to build an Immigrant Opportunity Center in our district. Such a center will serve to address the health and safety issues involving low-wage immigrant workers by having a job center that focuses on their unique needs."

To address the lack of access to quality health care in the district, Dromm proposed to open a new health care clinic to alleviate the severe overcrowding problems at Elmhurst Hospital.

"By opening a primary health care clinic in our district, we can significantly reduce the burden on Elmhurst Hospital while also improving the treatment and care that individuals receive," said Dromm. "As a community, we must work together to face the challenges of this economic crisis and its impact on health care. We need to produce results, not excuses."

In closing, Council Member Dromm suggested that the most economically sound approach to supporting our economy would be to re-balance the tax rates for those at the top of the income scale and to use the revenue to fund more cost-effective job creation policies.

"Governor Cuomo's and the Republican's plan to give a tax break to the wealthy is wrong, Dromm continued. "The root of New York's fiscal problems isn't high taxes or excessive spending. It's that we tax the wrong people."

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