

## BRINGING THE ARTS BACK TO SCHOOLS



Through the New York City Council's CASA (Cultural After-School Adventures) initiative, Dromm provided schools in our district the invaluable chance to be enriched by and exposed to theater, music, and the performing arts. Seen above is PS 69's Principal, Martha Vasquez and students.

## DELIVERING FOR SENIORS



New York City Council Member Dromm delivered nutritionally balanced Meals on Wheels to seniors in the Southridge, Northridge and Brulene NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities). Dromm also raised over \$1,200 to sponsor a holiday party for the NORC.

**Dromm is actively fighting the Mayor's proposal to close two senior centers in our district.**

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## Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I want to take this opportunity to briefly update you on a few of our recent accomplishments, in spite of the economic challenges we have faced.

Recently, I sponsored a new initiative to stimulate commercial activity and jumpstart the economy in Elmhurst by showcasing the multicultural neighborhood as a place where many of the City's best and most eclectic restaurants have a home. The initiative, called Eat Elmhurst, featured Elmhurst's first-ever restaurant week highlighting the international array of cuisines the area has to offer. NYC Comptroller John C. Liu joined me to kick-off the event at a Chinese noodle shop in Elmhurst. (see photo above)

I rallied against the Mayor's proposed

teacher layoffs and cuts to our senior centers, libraries, child care centers and parks and recreational facilities. Here in our district, I am actively working with the Mayor's office on the acquisition of the Garden School athletic field. I remain optimistic that a deal can be reached by the City and the Garden School to keep this open space available to the whole community.

Looking forward, a top priority for me is to build an Immigrant Opportunity Center in our district. Such a center will serve to address health and safety issues involving low-wage immigrant workers by having a job center that focuses on their unique needs.

In closing, 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 use the revenue to fund more cost-effective job creation policies.

As always, it is a privilege to represent you in the City Council and with your help, we can work towards the betterment of our communities.

Sincerely,

*Daniel Dromm*

**Daniel Dromm**  
Council Member  
25th District, Queens

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## DROMM COMMENDS AG ERIC HOLDER ON ENDING DOMA DEFENSE



In a major victory for civil rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, President Barack Obama ordered the Justice Department to drop its defense of a central part of the 1996 law that bars the federal government from recognizing same-sex unions, the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder, a former East Elmhurst resident, say they've concluded the law is unconstitutional. **At a press conference, Council Member Dromm, a leader in the LGBT movement, spoke about the importance of this new development.**

## BEAUTIFYING LEFRAK CITY



**Through the Million Trees NYC program, Council Member Dromm** was able to have trees planted along 57th Avenue in the LeFrak City/Sherwood Village area. Dromm worked closely with the LeFrak City Merchants Association, Jim Galloway, Debra Hargrove and other community leaders to beautify the area.



## SUPPORTING OUR LIBRARIES

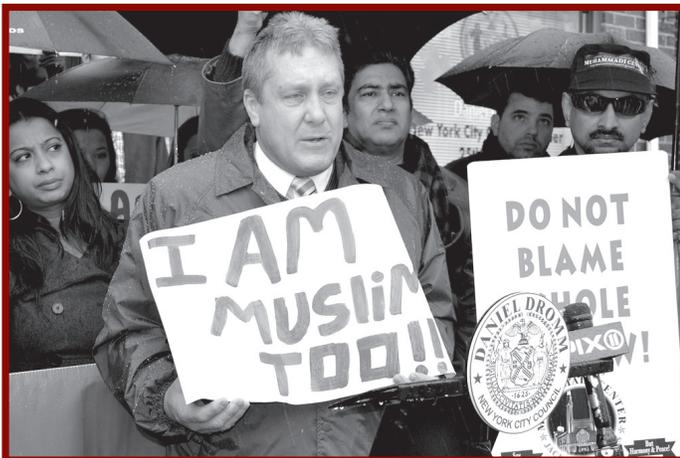
Knowing how important libraries are to our communities, Council Member Dromm rallied against proposed cuts. Dromm provided \$200,000 for technology improvements at the LeFrak City Library.

## DROMM IN ACTION

**Never afraid to speak out against failed policies, New York City Council Member Dromm** demanded answers from City officials at a hearing held to evaluate the City's response to the December blizzard of 2010. Dromm focused on the lack of access to Elmhurst Hospital Center, nursing homes and senior centers. He called on City officials to ensure that all streets that lead to these vital locations are plowed immediately following a snowstorm. During the blizzard, Dromm stepped up to the moment by helping to push an ambulance out of a snow bank on 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights.



## FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION



**NYC Council Member Daniel Dromm** joined members of diverse faith communities throughout our district to stand in solidarity with American Muslims in response to McCarthy-esque hearings dubbed "The Radicalization of Muslim Communities in America" led by Congressman Peter King (R-NY). Supporters rallied in front of Dromm's community office in Jackson Heights as they took part in the "Today, I Am a Muslim, Too" campaign to fight King's fear mongering.

**Dromm, the Chair of the New York City Council's Committee on Immigration, urged the Congressman from Long Island not to stereotype and alienate our nation's Muslims.**

## CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR IN ELMHURST



Council Member Daniel Dromm and the Asian Community United Society held the first ever Lunar New Year celebration in Elmhurst to welcome in the Year of the Rabbit. The event, held at C.C. Moore Homestead Park, featured traditional Korean drumming and a lion dance to usher in good fortune and ward off evil spirits.

Dromm was excited about this opportunity for the Asian American communities of Elmhurst to increase their visibility and celebrate their cultural pride while sowing the seeds for future organizing.