

DROMM LIMITS UNJUST DEPORTATIONS



Council Members Daniel Dromm and Melissa Mark-Viverito were the lead sponsors of legislation that will prevent the City's Department of Corrections from turning over innocent immigrants with no criminal records to Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents. This legislation will begin to put an end to unnecessary deportations and send a clear message that New York City is not a place where immigrant lives are destroyed but rather a place where they can thrive and continue to give back to our great country.

ELMHURST SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION



Council Member Dromm partnered with the Asian Community United Society and Well Care to distribute school supplies at CC Moore Park in Elmhurst before the start of the 2011-2012 school year. Dromm was a New York City public school teacher for 25 years before being elected to the City Council.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Jobs, jobs, jobs. As your representative in the New York City Council, I remain committed to turning around our slumping economy and putting New Yorkers back to work.

To that end, I recently attended a meeting Congressman Joseph Crowley convened with United States Treasurer Rosie Rios, members of the Queens Unity Team, including New York State Senator José Peralta; Council Member Julissa Ferreras; Assemblyman Francisco Moya (as seen in the photo above) and local business leaders to discuss a series of job creating initiatives that the Obama Administration is proposing through its American Jobs Act. (Unity Team members not pictured are Assemblyman Michael DenDekker and Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry.)

I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in government on initiatives like this to find ways to help small businesses survive this tough economic climate.

All New Yorkers deserve the opportunity to earn a decent and honorable living in order to support their families and meet their basic day to day needs. That is why I have pledged to fight for jobs with fair "living wages." Allowing our city's wealthiest companies to continue to make record profits while our working families bear the brunt of this economic crisis is simply indefensible.

The Occupy Wall Street movement captured the attention of our city and country. I visited the occupiers on four different occasions to support them in their mission to demand action on the growing and alarming income gap between the rich (1%) and the rest of us (99%). It is time for the wealthiest New Yorkers to pay their fair share.

As a member of the Council's Progressive Caucus, I signed onto a letter imploring the state legislature and Governor Cuomo to extend the "millionaire's tax" to prevent education cuts and protect the social and human services that are vital to communities like ours. While the extension of this tax is not the only solution to addressing our City's needs, it is the most economically sound approach to generate some of the revenue necessary to fund our most vital programs and cost effective job creating policies.

With your help, we can create a more just city.

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DROMM RESTORES SCRABBLE SIGN



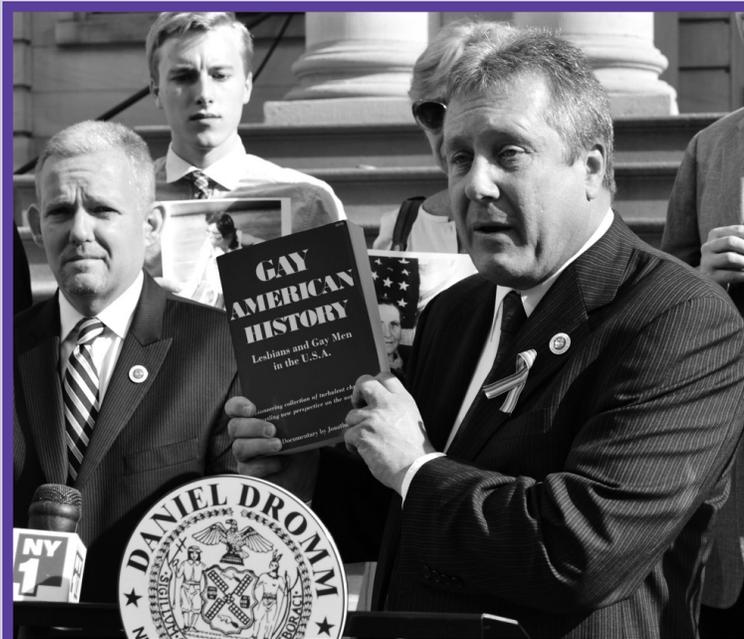
A beloved street sign that commemorates Scrabble's birthplace has been returned to the Jackson Heights community thanks to the efforts of Council Member Daniel Dromm. The original sign was installed in 1995 outside of the Community United Methodist Church, where an architect named Alfred Butts first invented and perfected the popular word game. Mysteriously, the sign had been taken down in 2008. This fall, Dromm also unveiled the street co-naming of Richard Cecere Corner. A former Chair of Community Board 3, Richard Cecere was honored for his dedication and involvement in the community.

IMPROVING OUR LIBRARIES



Council Member Dromm provided funding to enhance library service in his district with the installation of new self-service return kiosks. These kiosks will not only make service faster and more efficient, they will also free up staff to provide other valuable services to the community. Dromm welcomed this much needed upgrade to one of the most vital resources we have in our neighborhood.

TEACHING INCLUSIVE AND ACCURATE HISTORY



Council Member Daniel Dromm (D-Queens) has introduced a resolution calling upon the New York City Department of Education to implement a curriculum and to acquire textbooks and trade books that include key moments in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) history and accurately portray the contributions of LGBT individuals throughout the history of the United States.

A comprehensive curriculum that includes LGBT Americans leads to a greater feeling of safety among all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression. To foster that sort of safe learning environment, we must ensure that students are provided an education that is complete and accurate with regard to historical events such as the Stonewall Uprising as well as teaching about notable LGBT figures such as Bayard Rustin, Harvey Milk, Ellen DeGeneres, Stephen Sondheim, Billie Jean King, Truman Capote, Walt Whitman, James Baldwin, and Dr. Renée Richards.

CARING FOR OUR SENIORS



New York City Council Member Dromm, Assemblyman Michael DenDekker (pictured above) and NYS Senator Jose Peralta each made a contribution to enable the Southridge, Northridge and Brulene NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities) to have a holiday party. Council Member Dromm remains committed to adequately funding the NORC in our community.



Thanks to a generous grant from Council Member Dromm, the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center was able to provide free hearing screenings at the LeFrak Senior Center. Dromm visited Lexington's on-site mobile outreach van to promote good hearing health and encourage regular testing. Hearing loss is one of the most common yet treatable conditions affecting older adults. In addition, the van will be making visits to other parts of the district this spring. Dromm is pictured with Larinda Hooks, the director of the LeFrak Senior Center, and some seniors from the program.



CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY

Council Member Daniel Dromm marched in the Ecuadorian Independence Day Parade along Northern Boulevard in Jackson Heights to celebrate the rich culture and history of that country. He was also honored to march in the Colombian and Bolivian parades, participate in the Jackson Heights Merchants Association's Diwali celebration in October and celebrate Eid with several members of the Muslim community. He also participated in the LeFrak Men's Association Kawanzaa celebration. He is proud that these celebrations take place in the heart of his district and he salutes these communities for their tremendous contributions to the City of New York.

DROMM SUPPORTS VETERANS

On the eve of the 2011 Veteran's Day commemoration, Council Member Daniel Dromm visited Elmhurst Memorial Hall to announce legislation to exempt certain veterans' organizations from the requirement of paying fees for fire department permits, inspections and performance tests because, he believes, soldiers' monuments serve a valuable public purpose.

Earlier in the year, Dromm visited the Elmhurst-Jackson Heights Post 298 of the American Legion to honor several veterans for their outstanding service to our country and deep commitment to the betterment of our community.

