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**Dromm and Peralta Stress the Need to Continue Relief Efforts for
Pakistan Flood Victims and Highlight Reputable
NYC Based Aid Organizations**

Jackson Heights, NY, August 26, 2010 -- New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm and NYS Senator José Peralta are urging the community to make charitable donations to help the victims of the Pakistan flood disaster through NYC based aid organizations with long and proven track records of effectively delivering resources to those in need.

The floods which were triggered by the start of the monsoon rains about a month ago, have now affected an estimated 15 to 20 million people.

"It is important that our community continue to stand alongside the Pakistani people to help them overcome the tragic losses brought on by these devastating floods," said New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights). "I urge everyone to contribute what they can to help those in need rebuild their lives and get through the difficult times ahead. I encourage anyone wishing to help to do so through trustworthy and reputable NYC based organizations like The Council of Peoples Organization and the Edhi Foundation which have done a fantastic job of delivering the resources that the Pakistani people so desperately need."

"I urge everyone in Queens to support the victims in Pakistan by donating to the relief fund," said NYS Senator José Peralta. "Even a small amount of money will go a long way in helping Pakistan recover from this devastating situation."

The Council of Peoples Organization, (COPO) Executive Director Mohammad Razvi said, "COPO has been a leader in providing relief to the Pakistan flood victims. We appreciate the efforts of Council Member Daniel Dromm, Senator Jose Peralta and these other leading community organizations for their active participation in this humanitarian effort."

COPO is accepting both financial donations and canned goods at its Queens location: c/o Kamal Syed 45-10 Parsons Blvd., 2nd Floor in Flushing. For more information, you can visit www.copousa.org. Checks should be made out to: "COPO Flood Fund"

Founded in 1947, the Edhi Foundation is the largest social welfare organization in Pakistan. The Foundation works round the clock to provide a broad range of social services including 24 hour ambulance services, shelters, hospitals, maternity services, animal shelters and relief efforts for victims of natural disasters. To contribute to the Edhi Foundation contact their Queens office at (718) 639-0633. More information can be found on their web site: www.edhi.org

South Asian Youth Action, (SAYA), a NYC based organization started in 1996 with the mission to create social change and opportunities for South Asian youth will also be contributing to the relief efforts by hosting a bake sale on August 27th from 2:30-5pm at its center in Elmhurst, Queens to raise funds for the victims of the Pakistan flood and create awareness regarding the devastating impact of the floods. All donations will be distributed directly to the local office of the Edhi Foundation, based in Corona, Queens, and sent to Pakistan.

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