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**JACKSON HEIGHTS COUNCIL MEMBER MEETS WITH
MEMBER OF MEDELLÍN CITY COUNCIL**

Jackson Heights, NY, September 20, 2010 -- Recently, New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm and Democratic District Leader Jessica Ramos met with Santiago Londoño Uribe, a member of Medellín's City Council on his visit to Jackson Heights from Colombia.

Dromm, the first openly gay elected official in Queens, and Ramos the first elected Colombian woman in the borough, exchanged their experiences with the Colombian official at a local Colombian restaurant. Dromm was delighted to have the opportunity to meet with Londoño and welcome him to one of New York City's most diverse neighborhoods, where a very large Colombian presence exists.

"The City of Medellín is lucky to have a leader like Santiago Londoño Uribe as a member of their City Council," said Dromm (D-Jackson Heights). "The Colombian people have made tremendous contributions to the Jackson Heights community and our country as a whole and it is my hope to work with Councilor Londoño on initiatives that will benefit both our cities."

"Meeting with Santiago Londoño, Council Member of Medellín, has enlightened me on new ways to work together with local elected officials across the globe, exchange ideas and information, and help our citizens improve their quality of life," said Ramos. "I look forward to meeting like-minded leaders from other countries who reflect the diversity of our district. These positive relationships can only help us move our neighborhoods forward."

"I was glad to find that the Colombian community, and the residents of Queens in general, have such an active and committed representative as Council Member Dromm," said Medellín City Council Member Santiago Londoño Uribe. "I will work hard from Medellín so as to strengthen the ties between our communities and hope to see Council Member Dromm and his team in Colombia soon."

Londoño's visit to Jackson Heights was part of a U.S. tour to learn about different experiences and models on issues of security, care for conflict victims, risk management and public policy at different institutions and agencies, in order to bring new ideas to Medellín.

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