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**DROMM FULFILLS CAMPAIGN PROMISE TO MAKE  
COMMUNITY OFFICE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE**

*Modifications to office make it easier for people  
with disabilities and seniors*

**Jackson Heights, NY**, December 20, 2010 -- New York City Council Member Dromm delivered on a campaign promise to make his community office handicap accessible during his first term in the New York City Council. Previously, accessing this community office was a challenge for both seniors and constituents with disabilities. Dromm unveiled a newly constructed ramp on the side of the building located in Jackson Heights, equipped with a new door unit wide enough for wheelchair and walker access. In addition, the office's restroom was modified to help avoid injury and accommodate wheelchairs.

"Coming into the City Council, it was imperative for me that my office be accessible to all in my district," said New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm (D-Queens). This was the first step in an effort to help provide services to our constituents with disabilities. I want to commend building owner Fernando Arias for working with us to provide these much needed accommodations."

"It was a pleasure to work with Council Member Dromm on this initiative," said Landlord Fernando Arias. "We are extremely proud to have outfitted our building to meet the needs of people with disabilities."

The 504 Democratic Club, the first Democratic club dedicated to people with disabilities was also on hand to champion the building's improvements.

"Virtually every candidate appearing before 504's forums pledges to make their offices accessible," said 2nd Vice President of the 504 Democratic Club, Michael Schweinsburg. "Not all keep their promise. Council Member Dromm has always gone the extra mile to keep his promises that all his seniors and people with disabilities will face no barriers in accessing government service."

"I am pleased that Council Member Dromm reached out to me during the design phase to ask for my suggestions about how to make his office more accessible to persons with disabilities," said leading disabilities advocate, Marvin Wasserman. "I applaud him for his commitment to serving the needs of all his constituents."

The modifications to the building finally brings the City Council office into compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Council Member Dromm promised to continue working towards making other buildings in the community accessible, including the United States Post Office located on 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights.

"This has been a huge point of contention for many people in our community. I am currently working with post master Bill Rogers to install a ramp. I am grateful that the postmaster is working with us because federal buildings were exempt from the law when it was originally enacted. I strongly believe that all buildings should be accessible to every New Yorker," Dromm concluded.

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