

Democratic District Leader Daniel Dromm

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Doe Fund Cleans Neighborhood Streets



Photo Caption: Presentation of check to the Doe Fund. Back row, from left to right: Mr. Vassathrai Ghandi, member, Community Board #3; George T. McDonald, President of the Doe Fund; Democratic District Leader Daniel Dromm; Assembly Member Jose Peralta; Mr. Mohinder Verma, Jackson Heights Merchants Association; Darryl Hoss, co-chairperson, Garden Club, Jackson Heights Beautification Group; Mr. Shubhash Kapadia, Jackson Heights Merchants Association and Democratic District Leader Rudy Greco. Front row, from left to right: Members of the Doe Fund's - Ready, Willing and Able Cleaning Crew.

Democratic District Leader Daniel Dromm recently joined Assembly Member Jose Peralta to announce that the Doe Fund would be expanding its street cleaning services in Jackson Heights. Assembly Member Peralta secured an additional \$25,000 grant to implement the program. This is a major step forward in the ongoing struggle by both elected officials to provide a better quality of life for all of the residents of the 39th Assembly District.

According to District Leader Dromm "sanitation is a

big issue in our community. In the past, people would constantly approach me about problems with garbage on the street. Assembly Member Peralta and I promised them that we would do something about it. Now, we have fulfilled that promise."

The Doe Fund is no stranger to the area because in 2003 Assembly Member Peralta piloted a successful, ongoing program to clean Roosevelt Avenue from 103rd to 79th Street. State Senator John Sabini and Council Member Hiram Monserrate also contributed to the pilot program. That program has now been expanded to include 37th Avenue.

"Beginning last January, a Doe Fund - Ready, Willing and Able crew began cleaning the area from 73rd Street to 79th Street between Roosevelt Avenue and 37th Avenue," said District Leader Dromm. "The crew's responsibilities include sweeping the streets, removing illegal notices from lampposts, emptying trash cans, lining them with white plastic bags and cleaning graffiti. It is a great effort to beautify the community."

District Leader Dromm stated, "The Doe Fund is a New York based nonprofit organization whose mission is to help formerly homeless men achieve lives of independence and self-sufficiency. The Doe Fund's primary goal is to provide these individuals with the job skills, training, social support services and the paid employment experience necessary to secure and maintain private sector employment and self-supported housing. Therefore, using the Doe Fund to clean our neighborhoods is beneficial not just to the people who live here but also to the people who work for the Fund."

"It's a win, win situation," District Leader Dromm concluded.

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New Visions Democratic Club Changes Constitution to Allow Recent Immigrants to Join



Photo Caption: In the photo above, taken at the recent Installation of the Board ceremony of the New Visions Democratic Club, are, from left to right, Monzur Choudhury, a recent immigrant from Bangladesh and a newly installed board member; Assembly Member Jose Peralta (D - Jackson Heights, E. Elmhurst, Elmhurst, Corona and Woodside); Civil Court Judge Dicia Pineda-Kirwan who presided at the event; District Leader Daniel Dromm and State Committeewoman Jessica Gonzalez.

In a bold move designed to reach out to new immigrants, the New Visions Democratic Club in Jackson Heights recently voted to change its constitution to allow anyone "who subscribes to the ideals and values of the Democratic Party and who subscribes to and desires to further the purposes of the Club" to join. In the past, only enrolled Democrats could sign up.

The New Visions Democratic Club is the official Democratic club for the 39th Assembly District, Part A. It meets on the second Thursday of the month at 8:00 pm at the Jewish Center of Jackson Heights, 37-06 77 Street, Jackson Heights. Call 718-457-2928 for more information.

"We have many new immigrants who come to the Club but aren't yet registered to vote," said Daniel Dromm, club founder and the local Democratic district leader. Dromm is also the first openly gay elected official in Queens. "We wanted to allow them full participation in the Club so it was only logical that we change the constitution to allow our neighbors to join. It's the right thing to do."

The Jackson Heights, Elmhurst and Corona neighborhoods the Club covers are perhaps the most diverse in the city. In fact, the 39th Assembly District was created in 2002 because of the huge increase in its immigrant population. Assembly Member Jose Peralta, the first Latino from Queens elected to the state legislature, represents the district.

Dromm also noted that "we want to let everyone know that the Democratic Party values their contributions. While our immigrant friends can't yet vote, the Democratic Party is the place for them. Our shared values

include tolerance, respect for individuals and a deep belief in freedom. America is the land of immigrants."

To that end, the Club recently elected its first non-citizen to its board of directors. Monzur Choudhury, an accountant for Merrill & Forbes, was installed at a special ceremony at the Club's January meeting. Officiating at the ceremony was Civil Court Judge Dicia Pineda-Kirwan, herself an immigrant from the Dominican Republic and the first Latina/o elected to the bench in Queens. Other members of the board were also installed at the same ceremony.

"Monzur was extremely helpful to the Club last summer when we first met him. We are proud to have him on board and we encourage others to join," said Jessica Gonzalez, State Committeewoman for the 39th Assembly District and a major supporter of the Club's constitutional change.

Dromm believes this change will help build a stronger Democratic Party. "Today's immigrants are tomorrow's citizens. We are glad to carry on an American tradition of welcoming the next generation of new Americans," he concluded.

Candidates to Speak At New Visions Democratic Club - Join us!

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May 12, 2005 - Meet former Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, Comptroller William Thompson, Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, and candidates for City Council, among others.

June 9, 2005 - Endorsement vote. Only dues paying members can vote.