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## Citizenship Now Event Yields Crowds of Many Eager Applicants

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*Brooklyn lawmaker joins CUNY to offer fair, fast, and affordable immigration services for all newcomers*  
**Brooklyn, NY-** State Senator Kevin Parker and The City University of New York at Brooklyn College partnered to host a free citizenship application assistance event on Saturday, October 10, 2009. The turnout exceeded all expectations and all who attended received free one-on-one counseling, pro bono legal services and assistance in completing their applications. Visitors representing all corners of the globe attended to become first time citizens.

"I am proud to be able to work with the CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project to help eligible individuals take important steps on their journeys to become U.S. Citizens," said Senator Parker. "Our goal is to ensure that applicants are educated on what the requirements and the responsibilities of becoming a United State's citizen entail. Every year this event turns out to be a success for the people of the 21<sup>st</sup> District and the surrounding communities."

Citizenship Now was held at Brooklyn College, a CUNY school used as the central site for the event. CUNY established the Citizenship and Immigration project in 1997 to address the growing need for immigration service's among foreign-born students, faculty and staff. The mission of the CUNY project is to provide free, high quality, and confidential citizenship and immigration law services to help immigrants on their path to U.S. citizenship. In keeping with their strong commitment to community service, they later expanded the program to assist all New Yorkers.

The goal of this event was met by steadily increasing the number of citizenship applications completed and submitted by constituents within the 21<sup>st</sup> District. The CUNY Citizenship & Immigration Project provides free immigration law services located throughout New York City and at Citizenship Now! For more information on Citizenship Now events, visit their website at [www.cuny.ed/citizenshipnow](http://www.cuny.ed/citizenshipnow).

#### **About Senator Kevin Parker**

Senator Kevin S. Parker is committed to restoring the overall quality of life for the constituents of the 21<sup>st</sup> Senatorial District in Brooklyn. A lifelong Brooklyn resident, Senator Parker has been a Flatbush resident for more than 28 years. Having been nurtured, schooled and employed in the district, Senator Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of this ethnically diverse community that consists of 311,000 constituents in several communities which include: Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington and Borough Park.

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