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### **State Senator Rubén Díaz blasts Bloomberg’s plan to shutter hundreds of Senior Centers**

March 3, 2011 – Today the Bloomberg Administration released its plan to shutter hundreds of senior centers in New York City and thereby putting as many as ten thousand seniors at risk of hunger, social isolation and neglect.

“Once again, Governor Cuomo and Mayor Bloomberg have joined forces to increase the suffering of the senior citizens in New York City who have come to rely on these centers for meals, companionship and social activities,” stated Senator Díaz.

“I am calling on Senior Citizens from throughout the Bronx – and all five boroughs if possible - to join me at a rally tomorrow, Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. on the steps of Bronx Borough Hall to oppose the closing of these centers. Governor Cuomo and Mayor Bloomberg will know that the senior citizens of New York City will never accept this decision quietly.”

“The closing of these centers is beyond unconscionable,” continued Senator Díaz. “Four of the centers slated to close are in my district, and two of them – Davidson and Kips Bay Castle Hill are among the most vibrant and active. I must strongly object to the criteria the Bloomberg Administration used in arriving at its decision to close these centers,” he commented.

**What: Rally to Oppose the Closing of Senior Centers**

**Where: Steps of Bronx Borough Hall**

**161<sup>st</sup> Street and the Grand Concourse**

**When: Friday March 4th, 2011**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.**