



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kevin S. Parker

## Senator Parker Hosts Free Financial Literacy Seminar

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Brooklyn, NY – On Thursday, March 6th, Senator Kevin Parker partnered with Mission 2 Millions to host a free financial literacy seminar. The exciting program, held at the Flatbush YMCA, featured on-air financial journalist and author Stacey Tisdale, along with additional speakers and banking and agency partners.

“We are in a unique moment in history; New York’s working families – teachers, nurses, middle-managers, laborers and other union members – are effectively shut out of the homeownership market,” said Senator Parker. “That is why Thursday’s seminar with

Missions 2 Millions was necessary and a step in the right direction of helping our community repair their credit, take charge of their personal finances, and engage themselves in self-empowerment that will lead to homeownership,” continued the Senator.

Featured speakers included Stacy Tisdale, Ash Cash and Michael Lyon, who are all experts in the financial field. The headliner, Stacey Tisdale, is a national finance journalist and the author of *"The True Cost of Happiness"*. Tisdale is also the creator of a personal finance curriculum for college students that is now a mandatory offering at Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the country. Ash Cash (Ash Exantus), is CEO of the Urban Upbound credit union and author of *"What the FICO: The 12 Steps to Repairing Credit"*. Michael Lyon from Wells Fargo has over 15 years of experience in mortgages and met with constituents regarding homeownership tips and mortgage options. Also on site assisting attendees to search for unclaimed funds, was the Office of the State Comptroller.

“Having Senator Parker’s support of Mission 2 Millions’ program was important as countless citizens have a strong desire to establish themselves as homeowners and become financially savvy,” said Phillip Noel, Director, Mission 2 Millions.

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

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn community that consists of 318,000 constituents in Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope. He is the Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and

Telecommunications Committee and the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Assistant Democratic Leader for Intergovernmental Affairs, Founding Member of the New

York State Caucus of Environmental Legislators, and Chair of the Democratic Task Force on New Americans.