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Brooklyn, NY – Continuing his efforts to assist constituents of the 21<sup>st</sup> Senate District, State Senator Kevin Parker, in partnership with Community Board 17 and the NYC Environmental Protection Agency hosted his 1<sup>st</sup> Rain Barrel Event at St. Paul’s Church in Flatbush by distributing 200 barrels to constituents in the district.

“I am happy to support the environmental protection actions of the DEP by encouraging New York City residents to install rain barrels in their homes. With the growing use of rain barrels which will result from us having given away 200 of them today to constituents, we are doing our part to create a more sustainable environment,” said Senator Parker.

To reduce storm water runoff and to create a more livable, sustainable city, DEP released the NYC Green Infrastructure Plan and is piloting several storm water best management practices throughout the city. This includes: enhanced tree pits, street side infiltration swales, and blue and green roofs. Rain barrels capture storm water from roofs and store it for future use. By capturing storm water, these barrels save up to 40% annually on water expenses. The water conserved in the rain barrels can be put to future use such as watering lawns and gardens and washing cars.

#### ***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 Committees on Energy and Telecommunications and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Assistant Democratic Leader for Intergovernmental Affairs, and Chair of the Democratic Task Force on New Americans.