## NYS Assembly Member & Assistant Speaker Felix Ortiz and OATH Commissioner Del Valle to Bring OATH's CourtESy Program to Sunset Park to Assist Seniors Who Get Summonses from City Agencies

On Friday, October 27, 2017,  New York State Assembly Member & Assistant Speaker, Felix Ortiz, will partner with Fidel F. Del Valle, Commissioner and Chief Administrative Law Judge of New York City's Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH), to bring OATH's CourtESy (Court Education for Seniors) program to  United Senior Citizens Center in Sunset Park.

United Senior Citizens Center, 475 53rd Street, Brooklyn NY 11220, is the first senior center in Sunset Park and only the second in Brooklyn to host OATH's CourtESy presentation.

"As the City's central independent administrative law court, OATH's top priority is to make it as easy as possible for those who have been issued summonses from City enforcement agencies to have their day in court," said **OATH Commissioner and Chief Administrative Law Judge, Fidel F. Del Valle**. "OATH recognizes that there are many reason why it may be difficult to attend a hearing in person so we have worked diligently to make it possible for recipients of the most commonly issued summonses to fight those summonses remotely by using OATH's Hearings Online, Hearings by Mail, Hearings by Phone or Video (webcam) Hearings. Through our CourtESy program, OATH is working to make sure that the City's senior residents know about these convenient hearing methods and how to utilize them effectively."

**About OATH**
OATH is the independent administrative law court where nearly all City enforcement agencies- such as the Departments of Sanitation, Buildings, Health and Mental Hygiene, Parks, Environmental Protection and Consumer Affairs, among many others- file their summonses for hearings. Last year, OATH received approximately 850,000 summonses from the City's various enforcement agencies.

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