



MEDIA ADVISORY

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RISING FOOD PRICES AND SHORTAGES, BOTH GLOBAL AND LOCAL, TO BE ADDRESSED

Closing Markets, Food Justice Issues To Be Focus Of Event In Harlem

NEW YORK – WE ACT for Environmental Justice, a leading advocate for environmental justice for two decades, urges Northern Manhattan residents upset about food shortages and price hikes – due to closed supermarkets, lack of produce, and global instability – to attend an event Thursday, May 29.

The New York State Food Policy Council will hold a listening session that day from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Powell State Office Building in Harlem. The Council, formed last year, coordinates state agriculture policy, such as marketing of New York farm products, with a special emphasis on organic food. It uses citizen input to recommend food policies to make safe, fresh, nutritious and affordable food available to all New Yorkers – especially low-income residents, senior citizens, and children.

NOTE TO MEDIA: If you are unable to cover this, *please include it in your community calendars.*

NOTE TO SPANISH-LANGUAGE MEDIA: *Translators will be in attendance.*

WHAT: New York State Food Policy Council meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 29, 2008, 5 to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building, 163 West 125th Street, Harlem

WHO: Council members will hear from Northern Manhattan residents concerned about closing grocery stores – particularly in East Harlem – lack of fresh produce in other stores, and high prices.

HOW: Sign up with Maryann Stockman: 518-485-7728 or maryann.stockman@aqmkt.state.ny.us.

WHY: To make your voice heard as a citizen about how the global food crisis is hitting home!