



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **TOWN HALL MEETING ON SUPERMARKETS TO BE HELD IN EAST HARLEM Several Groups Targeting Need for More Grocery Stores in New York City**



**NEW YORK** – The Harlem Food and Fitness Consortium (HFFC), which includes WE ACT for Environmental Justice, a leading advocate for environmental justice for two decades, and numerous other community groups, is sponsoring a Town Hall meeting on the need for more and better supermarkets in Harlem – particularly East and Central Harlem. The Town Hall meeting will take place Wednesday, September 24. *Child care and refreshments will be provided.*

The goal of the Town Hall is to empower the community through education on the health impacts of closing supermarkets; to educate about government efforts to develop and preserve supermarkets in low-income neighborhoods; and to hear neighborhood residents' recommendations on how supermarkets can best benefit their community. State Senator Jose Serrano, the East Harlem Citizens Committee, the City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and UFCW Local 1500, each meeting co-sponsors, will report on their work to broaden grocery access as well.

**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:** Supermarket Town Hall Meeting

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 6 to 8 p.m. *Child care and refreshments will be provided.*

**WHERE:** TAG School, 240 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street, East Harlem (between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues)

**WHO:** Members of the state task forces and community groups working to broaden grocery access

**WHY:** To inform community members about an estimated 10 recent supermarket closings in Harlem, and to gather recommendations from the community for new supermarkets.