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NYC COUNCIL MEMBER RUBEN DIAZ, SR. & NYC OATH COMMISSIONER FIDEL F. DEL VALLE TO BRING OATH'S *COURTESY* PROGRAM TO THE SOUTH BRONX TO ASSIST SENIORS WHO GET SUMMONSES FROM CITY AGENCIES

Queens, New York – On Thursday, July 26, 2018, NYC Council Member Ruben Diaz, Sr. 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 the Castle Hill Senior Center. The Commissioner will speak to seniors about the options available to them when they get a summons from a City enforcement agency, such as the Sanitation Department, Buildings Department, Health Department or Department of Environmental Protection, and will hold a question and answer session with the group of seniors.

WHO:

NYC Council Member Ruben Diaz, Sr.

Commissioner and Chief Administrative Law Judge, NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH), Fidel F. Del Valle

WHAT:

CourtESy (Court Education for Seniors)

WHERE:

Castle Hill Senior Center, 625 Castle Hill Ave, Bronx, NY 10473.

WHEN:

Thursday July 26, 2018, 2018 from 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

“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

The City’s Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) is the City’s independent administrative law court where nearly all City enforcement agencies file their summonses for hearings including the Departments of Sanitation (DSNY), Buildings (DOB), Health (DOHMH), Parks (DPR), Environmental Protection (DEP), FDNY, NYPD, Consumer Affairs (DCA), and the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC), among many others.

Last year, OATH received more than **850,000 summonses** from NYC enforcement agencies and conducted more than 310,000 hearings. OATH offers recipients of summonses convenient hearings options such as Hearings Online, Hearings by Phone, Hearings by Webcam and Hearings by Mail as well as in-person hearings which are conducted in all five boroughs. OATH also offers free translation services during all hearings and for document/form submissions.
