

## Much Needed Funds Will Prevent Foreclosures of Subprime Loans, Which New Report Projects Could Reach Up to 2.4 million Nationwide

Hauppauge, NY—In the wake of the subprime lending crisis that is projected to cause up to 2 million homeowners to lose their homes, Congressman Steve Israel (D-Huntington) joined the Community Development Corporation (CDC) of Long Island to announce a \$572,000 grant for the CDC to carry out programs that foster home ownership and entrepreneurship and prevent foreclosures. Israel was joined by several clients that benefited from CDC assistance, including a father of three from Brentwood who was saved from foreclosure and a previous recipient of public assistance from Rocky Point who is now a homeowner.

“Home ownership is a dream for many Americans, but lately this dream has turned into a nightmare,” said Israel. “A report released this week projects that up to 2.4 million borrowers could face foreclosure. The services provided by the CDC of Long Island foster responsible home ownership and self sufficiency and in turn, bolster our economy.”

“We are grateful for this grant from NeighborWorks® America. Our relationship with this unique national organization, chartered by Congress, adds great value to what we can offer people on Long Island,” stated President of CDC of Long Island, Marianne Garvin.

CDC’s two NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Centers provide assistance, counseling and training for renters, homebuyers and homeowners in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties. This grant will ensure the continued success of the many programs offered to help Long Islanders gain financial independence and achieve their homeownership dreams. Year after year, more than 300 families establish homeownership action plans with assistance from CDC of Long Island and one-third of them close on the purchase of their first home.

Sparked by 1978 legislation, NeighborWorks® America created the NeighborWorks® network of community development nonprofits charged with closing the homeownership gap among whites and non-whites; improving financial literacy; rebuilding and repairing properties; developing affordable housing; and, using community development strategies to improve safety and build wealth. CDC of Long Island is a chartered member of NeighborWorks® and is recognized as an “exemplary NeighborWorks® organization.”