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BRONX BORO PREZ CANDIDATE RUBEN DIAZ, JR., REJECTS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN CITY MATCHING FUNDS

Bronx, NY, March 25, 2009 – On the very same day that his broad-based campaign for Bronx Borough President qualified for hundreds of thousands of dollars in matching funds from the New York City Campaign Finance Board (CFB), Assemblyman Ruben Diaz, Jr. announced that he would reject the use of City taxpayer dollars to fund his candidacy in the Special Election on April 21st.

"While I support and believe in the City's campaign finance system, New Yorkers' best interests must come first. In these tough economic times, especially while confronted with a seemingly non-competitive race for Bronx Borough President, it is my hope that returning these funds to City taxpayers will assist in the retention of jobs and the continuation of vital services," said Diaz, who is currently serving his seventh term in the New York State Assembly representing the 85th District in the South Bronx.

"My campaign for Bronx Borough President is a people-powered, grassroots effort that relies on voters and volunteers to get the message out about my candidacy. That's why my campaign was able to gather over 18,000 signatures from registered voters in the Bronx, and that's why I will be elected the next Bronx Borough President," said Assemblyman Diaz.

Assemblyman Diaz is the only elected official seeking the office of Bronx Borough President in the Special Election on April 21, 2009.