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**BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND LEGAL AID SOCIETY
ANNOUNCE OVER 500 PEOPLE ATTENDED
"ANOTHER CHANCE" AND SOME 355 WARRANTS WERE CLEARED**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark and Legal Aid Society Attorney-at-Large for Bronx Criminal Practice Peter Jones announced today that 500 people attended the "Another Chance" event and 355 summons warrants were erased, helping people move on with their lives.

District Attorney Clark said, "I think it's just great to connect with the community like this. We helped people clear their records in an enjoyable event, and forged closer ties between my office, the courts and the people we serve. The people who walked out of the Mount Hope Community Center today can look ahead to a bright future instead of looking over their shoulders because they have an outstanding warrant."

Peter Jones said, "It's a big step towards building community and credit to District Attorney Clark for getting it done. It was a great opportunity for people to come in quickly and efficiently to resolve warrants. Outstanding warrants are a real impediment to people in the community, even on low level infractions. They create impediments to housing and employment and often create immigration issues. The opportunity to come in and quickly and easily resolve them creates a more inclusive environment."

According to preliminary figures, 270 people had 355 warrants vacated. Many of the warrants dismissed involved summonses for public consumption of alcohol or trespassing.

A mobile courtroom was created and presided over by two judges – Honorable Alvin Yearwood, Acting Bronx Supreme Court Justice, and Honorable Julio Rodriguez, Criminal Court Judge – and Legal Aid Society and volunteer Assistant District Attorneys handled the cases. Participants attended a resource fair, where vendors provided information and resources on jobs, health care and social services.