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### **PRESS ADVISORY**

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#### **NYC IMMIGRANTS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS SPEAK OUT ABOUT NEED FOR INCREASED ACCESS TO BANKING AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES**

#### **LOCAL EFFORTS TO COMBAT ABUSES BY BANKS, MONEY TRANSMITTERS & OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS HIGHLIGHTED**

**WHO:** NYC immigrants and representatives of Chhaya CDC; Fifth Avenue Committee; La Unión de la Comunidad Latina; Forest Hills Community House; Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project; Restaurant Opportunities Center of NY

**WHAT:** *Promoting Financial Justice for Immigrant New Yorkers*

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 8, 2006, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** 400 West 59th Street, 3rd Floor  
(Open Society Institute - b/w 9th & 10th Aves.)

**VISUALS:** Maps showing the lack of bank branch services and lending in immigrant neighborhoods. Slides showing the dramatic increase and volume of remittances (wired money transfers) sent from NYC to immigrants' home countries.

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The Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project (NEDAP) is a not-for-profit resource center that works with community groups to promote neighborhood economic justice in NYC. NEDAP convenes the NYC Immigrant Financial Justice Network, a coalition of grassroots, immigrants' rights, legal services and civic organizations dedicated to pressing for policy reforms that remove financial access barriers for undocumented and low income immigrants. [www.nedap.org](http://www.nedap.org).