



**\*\*\* MEDIA ADVISORY \*\*\***

**For Immediate Release:**

June 29, 2022

**Contact:**

Michael O'Loughlin

[oloughlin.michael@gmail.com](mailto:oloughlin.michael@gmail.com), 917.957.9160

Tran Vu, UPROSE

[tran@uprose.org](mailto:tran@uprose.org), 510.960.0896

**Sunset Park Auto Shops to be Honored as Climate Resilience Heroes**

**New App Will Help All Auto Shops Keep Workers and Neighbors Safe From Toxic Chemicals During Floods, Storm Surges and other Extreme Climate Crisis Scenarios**

**WHO:** Elizabeth Yeampierre, Executive Director of UPROSE & Co-Chair of Climate Justice Alliance; Ramya Chari, Policy Researcher, Rand Corporation; Dr. Christine F Chaisson, Director, Senior Scientist/Risk Assessor, The LifeLine Group; Rafael “Papo” Torres, Owner, Auto Experts; Malik Ashraf, Owner, New Honeywell Auto Repair and Body Shop.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 29th, 2022, 10AM

**WHERE:** New Honeywell Auto Repair & Body Shop  
763 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11232

**WHAT:** GRASP (Grassroots Research to Action in Sunset Park), launched in the aftermath of SuperStorm Sandy, worked in partnership with local small businesses to reduce dangers from “fugitive chemical” runoff from auto-related businesses during flooding or storm surge scenarios. Local small business owners will be honored with an award for transformative work they have undertaken to protect community health and safety and the groups will launch an app which will provide everyone with access to the best management practices developed with the auto shop owners.

###

*Siempre en Lucha, y Siempre por Nuestra Gente.*

462 36<sup>th</sup> Street Brooklyn, Suite 3A NY 11232 | t. 718 492 9307 | f. 718 492 9030

[www.uprose.org](http://www.uprose.org)