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A True Democrat Fighting for Our Community

Fellow commuters,

I know times are hard and the last thing we need is for out-of-touch Albany to raise our fares and do away with Student MetroCards. Yet, time and time again, Albany fails us when faced with budget decisions.

When is the last time you saw your Senator or Assembly Member taking the subway?

I rarely go a day without using public transportation. It's part of what I think makes Brooklyn and New York City great. Please join me in taking a stand against any fare increases or service cuts. The truth is, we need *more* trains and buses. **Fares are already high enough.**

Call Senators **Kruger**, Espada, and Diaz and ask them:

“Will you stand up for working people *this* time?”

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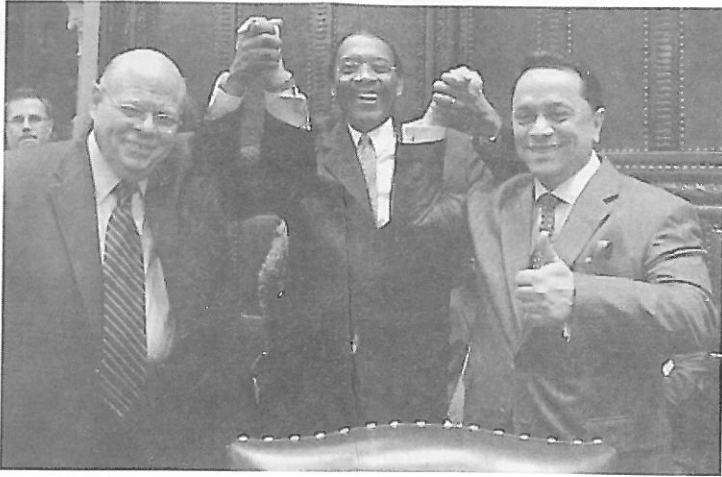
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Blame the ‘Amigos’ — Carl Kruger, Ruben Diaz Sr. and Pedro Espada for MTA fare hike.



“What makes us New York is the subway, the big, wonderful system that takes us wherever we want to go at whatever hour, that mixes people of every conceivable background, that is everybody's neighborhood. Which is why nearly every major figure in the city - politicians, labor leaders, community activists, even patrician Metropolitan Transportation Authority board members - support the so-called Ravitch plan to minimize a fare hike and stave off service cuts by charging motorists who cross into Manhattan.

“The unfortunate exception is the ‘Gang of Three,’ a trio of state senators from the city: **Carl (Cars) Kruger** of Brooklyn, along with Ruben (Road Rally) Diaz Sr. and Pedro (Escalade) Espada, both of the Bronx. The three began the year threatening to go over to the Republicans and scuttle the Democratic majority if they did not get what they wanted. Diaz was worried about gay marriage. Espada imagined he might be majority leader. Kruger wanted - and got - the chairmanship of the Finance Committee, along with a special budget.”

“**The word for that stuff is ‘shakedown.’**”

-Michael Daly, New York Daily News, March 26, 2009

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