July 28, 1998

Hon. Claire Shulman Queens Borough President 120-55 Queens Boulevard Kew Gardens, NY 11424

Dear Borough President Shulman:

On behalf of the Queens Civic Congress, a coalition of more than 90 civic and community organizations in the Borough of Queens, I write to request that the Borough Board hold a hearing with public participation concerning the Port Authority's application for the light rail system.

We expect the Department of City Planning to certify the Port Authority's application to construct its light rail system to the affected community boards shortly. This huge and expensive project will have far-reaching and long-term effects on all Queens neighborhoods.

We therefore request that you hold a hearing with public participation before the Borough Board.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to further discussing it with you.

Sincerely,

Seymour Schwartz Secretary, QCC Chair, Transportation Committee