

February 4, 1998

City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007-1216

Re: N970125ZRR South Richmond Development District Section 107-123 Availability of Public School Seats

Dear Commissioners:

The Queens Civic Congress is an umbrella organization of over seventy-five civic associations in Queens county and is actively involved in planning and land use issues.

We urge the City Planning Commission to adopt the proposed text amendment to modify the Special South Richmond Development District to require that seats for primary and intermediate schools exist in the attendance zone before a building application is granted in the development district.

This text modification will clarify and bring the text into conformity with the original intent and purposes in creating this special district. The City Planning Commission in creating this special district recognized the need to have the necessary infrastructure in place before any new large scale development takes place. The Commission's foresight in this regard was a significant change from past practices of allowing development without providing for the necessary infrastructure such as schools.

The Congress' task force on the future of New York State Department of Mental Hygiene property at Creedmoor has been adopted by the Borough President and the Empire State Development Authority as the working planning group. The Congress following your Staten Island planning strategy has negotiated with the Empire State Development Authority for the inclusion of an elementary and high school as part of the Creedmoor development package.

Very truly yours,

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