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QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS OFFERS WORKSHOPS

The Queens Civic Congress [QCC], a coalition of more than 90 civic and community organizations which span the borough of Queens, hosts four simultaneous two-hour workshops tonight (Monday, January 25), at 7:30 p.m., at Russell Sage Forest Hills Beacon School, Yellowstone Blvd. & Austin Street, announced President Sean M. Walsh. The workshops cover zoning variances, community zoning plans, code enforcement and public schools, including the May 4 school board elections.

QCC President *Sean Walsh* moderates The Board of Standards and Appeals and Zoning Variances which features presentations by Board of Standards and Appeals [BSA] Commissioner *Paul Bonfilio*, former BSA Commissioner *Wellington Chen*, and former City Planning Commissioner *Martin Gallent*.

QCC Vice President *Patricia Dolan* moderates Preparing Community Zoning Plans which features presentations by City Council Land Use Division Counsel *Chris Collins*, City Planning Department Queens Planner *Debra Carney*, Queens Borough President's Director of Planning and Development *Marcie Kesner*, and *John Shuttleworth*, R.A., Zoning Chair, Manhattan Community Board 3; Manhattan Neighborhood Council.

QCC Vice President *Paul Kerzner* moderates Department of Buildings and Housing Preservation and Development Department Code Enforcement which features presentations by former Buildings Deputy Commissioner *Stewart O'Brien*, counsel to Plumbing Foundation, Assistant Buildings Commissioner *George Frangoulis*, Queens Borough Buildings Commissioner *James Leonard* and Deputy *Joseph Valentino*, and Housing Preservation and Development Department Queens Chief of Code Enforcement *William Pagano*.

QCC Vice President *Ed Westley* moderates School Board Elections & Education which features presentations by Board of Education Queens member *Terri Thomson*, Office of the Deputy Schools Chancellor for Operations' *Ann Horowitz*, and Office of Neighborhood Family Services' *Marysol Makimura* and *Michelle Yanche*, on leadership teams/school-based management, School Construction Authority Community Relations Manager *Mary Leas* on new schools, and *Corey Bearak*, QCC Vice President and former CSB 26 member, on school elections and school boards' powers.