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**CIVICS ASK: SHOULD NYC REPLACE PORT AUTHORITY
AT LAGUARDIA & JFK?**

**JAN. 22 CIVIC CONGRESS FORUM PRESENTS BOTH SIDES TO AIRPORT
PRIVATIZATION**

The Queens Civic Congress [QCC] presents a forum to consider the Giuliani administration's proposal to replace the Port Authority of NY-NJ as operator of Kennedy and LaGuardia airports, said President Sean M. Walsh. The forum, organized by QCC Aviation Chair Seymour Schwartz, takes place Monday, January 22, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., at the College of Aeronautics, 86-01 23rd Avenue, East Elmhurst. The forum offers an opportunity to review the Giuliani administration's position, explore the qualifications and experience of the selected firm in operating airports of similar size and scope and consider the Port Authority's performance and plans for operating both airports. For driving instructions, call Francine Gilbright at (718) 429-6600, extension 179.

Participants include NYC Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Anthony P. Coles; William DeCota, Director of Aviation for the Port Authority of NY & NJ; Thomas Bock, Airspace Redesign Project Manager for the Federal Aviation Authority; and Hugh Weinberg, Counsel to the Queens Borough President and chair of the Borough President's Aviation Advisory Council. College of Aeronautics President John Fitzpatrick will deliver welcoming remarks.

"Our nearly 100 Queens civic organizations maintain a strong interest in the operations of New York City's two major airports," said Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan who is responsible for Land Use, Community Review and related matters for the Congress.

"The operator of our airports has absolute responsibility and accountability for operations, planning, strategy and development," added Mr Schwartz, also QCC's Secretary. "In addition to the larger question of appropriate airport management and accountability, the operations at our nearby two major airports considerably impact tens of thousands of Queens residents who have an important stake in this proposal."

"The Queens Civic Congress membership represents almost every community in the borough" noted Executive Vice President Corey Bearak, who oversees legislative and public affairs and related matters for the Congress. "The Queens Civic Congress Online, its website, www.queensciviccongress.org, provides information on upcoming events, the civic congress platform and resource links to government, non-profit and community organizations."