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QUEENS CIVICS OPPOSE STADIUM INSIDE PARK

September 9, 2005

Hon. Helen Marshall
President of the Borough of Queens
120-55 Queens Blvd.
Queens, NY 11424

Dear President Marshall:

The proposal to put a new football stadium in the heart of Flushing Corona Park for the Jets is an outrage. The taking of any parkland especially our *Central Park* for a private commercial venture is morally and legally wrong. As you well know the citizens of Queens have successfully fought every attempt to alienate any part of Flushing Corona Park. Substitution of *other* park land is not a solution.

The old argument that the stadium will bring 2,000 permanent jobs is nonsense. While the construction of the stadium will employ thousands, I suggest that there are many other construction projects which have a higher priority, such as schools. In fact there is shortage of skilled labor and building firms with bonding capacity to build all of the important projects in this city. This stadium is a fiscal folly. The current proposal without a dome or parking next to the pedestrian entrances is not what the Jets want or need or will accept. This proposal is nothing more than a ploy in the Jets negotiations with New Jersey.

We will oppose this project with every legal tool at our disposal.

Sincerely,
/s/ SEAN M. WALSH

cc: Hon Mike Bloomberg
Hon. David Weprin
Jets

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<http://www.queensciviccongress.org/Platform/final2004Platform-forvote.pdf>

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