



Queens Civic Congress

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QUEENS CIVICS CONVENE; KEYNOTE BY SPEAKER QUINN, May 7 **Awards to Activists Brixton Doyle and Joe Amoroso**

The Queens Civic Congress [QCC] holds a its 5th Queens Civic Luncheon, Sunday, May 7, 1:00 p.m., at Antun’s of Queens Village, 96-43 Springfield Boulevard, announced President Sean M. Walsh. New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn will deliver the keynote address, advised Executive Vice President for Public Affairs Corey Bearak. This year's Special Award Honorees includes Brixton Doyle, formerly of the Bayside Civic Database, and Joseph Amoroso, Kissena Park Civic Association Zoning chair, noted Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan who leads the QCC's land use efforts and praised both for their advocacy for their neighborhoods. Mr. Walsh will also announce a Lifetime Achievement Award to Peter Vallone, Sr.

“The Queens Civic Luncheon affords civic leaders from across the Borough to meet and share concerns in an informal non-meeting atmosphere, meet key leaders from the other boroughs and chat with elected officials,” said Mr. Bearak “As an umbrella group of 100 civic organizations, the Queens Civic Congress membership represents almost every community in the borough.” Civic Congress Founders Bob Harris and Al Greenblatt received the award at the First Civic Luncheon in 1998 and Civic leader Marjorie Ferrigno received the award at the Second Civic Luncheon in 2000. Civic leader Jim Trent of Bellerose – QCC's Treasurer, representative at the Four Borough Neighborhood Alliance and Queens County Farm Museum President -- received the award at the third luncheon in 2002 and former Borough President Claire Shulman was honored in 2004.

“Brixton Doyle led the community fight for the Bayside re-zonings and we commend his fierce advocacy,” stated Mr. Walsh. “Joe Amoroso exemplifies dedicated civic action in his tireless efforts to fight developers who try to abuse the Board of Standards And Appeals to implement spot zoning to circumvent existing protections in the Zoning Resolution and Building Code,” stated Ms. Dolan.

Other public officials confirmed at press time include District Attorney Richard Brown, State Senators Frank Padavan and Ada Smith, Assemblyman Mark Weprin, and Councilmen David Weprin, John Liu, Eric Gioia and James Gennaro

WHO: Queens Civic Congress, NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn
WHAT: Biennial Civic Luncheon with keynote address
WHEN: Sunday, May 7, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
WHERE: Antun's of Queens Village, 96-43 Springfield Boulevard, south of LIRR,
One long block south of Jamaica Avenue

The entire Queens Civic Congress Platform may be viewed on the internet at:
<http://www.queensciviccongress.org/Platform/final2004Platform-forvote.pdf>

Queens Civic Congress Members

Bayside Civic Database ♦ Bayside Hills Civic Association ♦ Bayswater Civic Association ♦ Bay Terrace Community Alliance, Inc. ♦ Bellaire-Bell Vill Civic Association ♦ Belle Harbor Property Owners Association ♦ Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association ♦ Bellerose Hillside Civic Association ♦ Bell Park Manor Terrace Community Council ♦ Bowne Park Civic Association ♦ Briarwood Community Association ♦ Broadway-Flushing Homeowners ♦ Cambria Heights Civic Association ♦ Cherry Robinson Homeowners ♦ C.O.M.E.T. (Communities of Maspeth-Elmhurst Together) ♦ Concerned Citizens of Laurelton ♦ Creedmoor Civic Association ♦ Doug-Bay Manor Civic Association ♦ Douglas Manor Association ♦ Douglaston Civic Association ♦ Dutch Kills Civic Assn. of Long Island City ♦ East Flushing Civic Association ♦ Federated Block Associations of Laurelton ♦ Federation of Civic Associations of Southeast Queens ♦ Floral Park Community Council ♦ Flushing Heights Civic Association ♦ Flushing on the Hill Taxpayers Association ♦ Flushing Suburban Civic Association ♦ Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce ♦ Forest Hills Crescents Association ♦ Forest Hills-Van Court Association ♦ Fresh Meadows Homeowners Association ♦ Georgetown Mews ♦ Glen Oaks Village Owners, Inc. ♦ Greater Astoria Historical Society ♦ Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association ♦ Harding Heights Civic Association ♦ Hillcrest Estates Civic Association ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #1 ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #2 ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #3 ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #4 ♦ Hollis Hills Civic Association ♦ Holliswood Civic Association ♦ Hollis Park Gardens Civic Association ♦ Holly Civic Association ♦ Hunters Point Community Coalition ♦ Hyde Park Owners Corp. ♦ Jackson Heights Beautification Group ♦ Jamaica Estates Association ♦ Jamaica Hill Community Association ♦ Juniper Park Civic Association ♦ Kew Forest Neighborhood Association ♦ Kew Gardens Civic Association ♦ Kew Gardens Hills Homeowners Association ♦ Kissena Park Civic Association ♦ Little Neck Bay Civic Association ♦ Little Neck Pines ♦ Lost Community Civic Association ♦ Malba Civic Association ♦ Middle Village Property Owners Association ♦ Mitchell Linden Civic Association ♦ Neponsit Property Owners ♦ Newtown Civic Association ♦ North Bellerose Civic Association ♦ North Flushing Civic Association ♦ North Hills Estates Civic Association ♦ Northwest Clearview Homeowners Association ♦ Norwood Civic Association ♦ Oakland Gardens/Terrace Community Council ♦ Off Broadway Homeowners Association ♦ Old Forest Hills, Association of ♦ Our Neighborhood Improvement Association ♦ Ozone Tudor Civic Association ♦ Parkway Village Historical Society ♦ Queensboro Hill Neighborhood Association ♦ Queens Colony Civic Association ♦ Queens Community Civic Corp. ♦ Queens Village Civic Association ♦ Ramblersville-Hawtree Civic Association ♦ Richmond Hill Historical Society ♦ Ridgewood Property Owners Association ♦ Rockaway Action Committee ♦ Rocky Hill Civic Association ♦ Rosedale Civic Association ♦ Royal Ranch, Inc. ♦ Sagamore Douglaston Civic Association ♦ South East Queens Concerned Neighbors ♦ South Ozone Park Civic Association West ♦ Springfield/Rosedale Community Action Association ♦ Harrison Place Homeowners/Sunnyside Gardens ♦ Surrey Estates Civic Association ♦ The New Property Civic Association ♦ Union Turnpike Merchants Association ♦ United Forties Civic Association ♦ United Neighbors Civic Association ♦ Utopia Estates Civic Association ♦ Village Mall at Hillcrest Condominium ♦ Waldheim Neighborhood Association ♦ Wayanda Civic Association ♦ West Cunningham Park Civic Association ♦ Westmoreland Association ♦ Woodside Community Council