



Queens Civic Congress

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QUEENS CIVICS CONGRESS HOSTS *BUILDINGS DEPT: Where Are We?*

The Queens Civic Congress [QCC] hosts a forum, “DOB: Where Are We?” with NYC Buildings Commissioner Patricia Lancaster, at its next general membership meeting [TONIGHT], April 16, 7:30 p.m., at the Kew Gardens Community Center, Room 202, 80-02 Kew Gardens Road at Union Turnpike, off Queens Boulevard, announced QCC President Sean M. Walsh.

“Commissioner Lancaster will also form a panel with Councilman James Vacca (The Bronx), and two QCC Vice Presidents, Paul Kerzner who is President of the Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association and Richard C. Hellenbrecht, Chair of Queens Community Board 13 to discuss some of the most persistent problems facing local civics,” stated QCC Executive Vice President for Planning Patricia Dolan. These include lack of compliance with the Building Code and Zoning Resolution, continuing widespread illegal conversion of one and two family homes to multiple occupancy, the Buildings Department’s inability to gain access to buildings suspected of illegal occupancies or hazardous conditions, the problems and bad impacts cause by DOB’s reliance of self-certification of plans for alterations and new buildings and the ongoing failure of public agencies to control spiraling overdevelopment in established neighborhoods. QCC president Walsh will moderate.

“The Queens Civic Congress 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 Corey Bearak, QCC Executive Vice President for Public Affairs. “As a coalition of 100 civic, community, condo, co-operative, homeowner and tenant organizations, the Queens Civic Congress membership represents almost every community in the borough.”

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WHO: City Buildings Commissioner Patricia Lancaster

WHAT: Queens Civic Congress forum: “DOB: Where Are We? “

WHEN: [TONIGHT], April 16, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Kew Gardens Community Center, Room 202,
80-02 Kew Gardens Road at Union Turnpike, off Queens Boulevard

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Queens Civic Congress Members

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