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QUEENS CIVICS CONGRESS TO ADOPT PLATFORM, OPPOSES CONGESTION TAX

The Queens Civic Congress [QCC] complete an eight month formal process tonight (Monday, June 18) when its member organization adopts a platform, including a specific plank opposing the congestion tax, at meeting in the Rockaways, announced QCC President Sean M. Walsh. . The meeting featuring a forum, "Queens Parks: Whose Parks Are They Anyway?" with Queens Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski and Parks advocates, takes place, 7:30 p.m., at PS 114—the Belle Harbor School, Cronston Avenue and Beach 134 Street in The Rockaways.

In his President's letter in "The Congressional," the QCC newsletter, Mr. Walsh wrote, "The congestion pricing plan is nothing more than the mayor trying to raise taxes. He has a budget surplus because he raised real estate taxes and all the assessments. Now he wants to appear the hero and give a rebate. My question why didn't you listen to the QCC when "we told you so." Wait, where are our school seats he promised, where is our east side transit link, the extension of the Seven train, where are our sewers. The water taxes are out of control. This mayor is tax the average guy. Now he wants to tax our trip into the city. No one wants to drive into the city. Congestion does not come from Queens residents but taxis and trucks. How about more buses and express buses into the city and stagger the trucks entry to the downtown. The mayor has admitted this new tax will not stop the congestion.Enough, I am going to ask for a vote at the June meeting to resurrect the Queens Secession Movement if the mayor does not stop attacking Queens."

The intended Platform plank reads: *Maintain free use of all non-TBTA East River and Harlem River bridges for all city residents, and oppose any plan or scheme to impose a tax, fee or toll on vehicles to enter Manhattan such as the "fee" proposed by the Mayor as part of "PlaNYC".*

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