



# Queens Civic Congress

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**COREY BEARAK NEW QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS PRESIDENT;  
INSTALLED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER BARBARA CLARK;  
ASSEMBLY MEMBER CATHERINE NOLAN KEYNOTES;  
SENATOR PADAVAN & ASSEMBLYMAN LANCMAN LAUD QCC  
LEADERS; COUNCILMAN WEPRIN RECOGNIZES OUTGOING  
PRESIDENT SEAN WALSH**

Corey B. Bearak of Bellerose took office as President of the [Queens Civic Congress](#) [QCC] following his installation by Assembly Member, Barbara Clark, Monday, October 15, at the Kew Gardens Community Center. Assembly Education Committee Chair Catherine Nolan delivered the keynote address and took questions at the meeting of the Borough-wide coalition of more than 100 civic and other community organizations throughout the borough whose [membership](#) represents almost every community in Queens. The program also featured remarks by State Senator Frank Padavan, Assemblyman Rory Lancman and City Council Member David Weprin. The legislators praised (outgoing) QCC President Sean M. Walsh who served as President through the first full decade of the Queens Civic Congress and remains on its board. Each also applauded Bearak's community advocacy and work in city government. Padavan, Clark and Weprin represent Bearak in their respective legislative bodies. Lancman noted he works closely on legislative and community issues with Bearak. Jenifer Manley, Queens Director of the Community Assistance Unit represented Mayor Michael Bloomberg and District Director Lydon Sleeper represented Member of Congress Anthony Weiner. Community Board 9 Chair Andrea Crawford also attended.

In addition to Mr Bearak (North Bellerose Civic Association), Assembly Member Clark also installed Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan (Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association), Treasurer James Trent (Creedmoor Civic Association), Secretary Seymour Schwartz (Briarwood Civic Association) and Vice Presidents Rich Hellenbrecht (Bellerose-Commonwealth Civic Association), Edwin Westley (Jackson Heights Beautification Group), Paul Kerzner (Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association), Nagassar Ramgarib (Queens Village Civic Association), David Kulick (Flushing on the Hill Taxpayers Association), Audrey Lucas (Southeast Queens Concerned Neighbors), Tyler Cassell (North Flushing Civic Association), Dorothy Woo (Holly Civic Association), Harbachan Singh (Holliswood Civic Association), Barbara Larkin (Belle Harbor Property Owners Association) and Kathy Masi (Glendale Civic Association of Queens). According to QCC's By-Laws, Mr. Walsh remains on the QCC executive committee as President Emeritus with Founders Robert Harris and Albert Greenblatt.

The meeting also featured reports by Mr. Walsh on the new Yards Zoning Text, Ms. Dolan on QCC's call for withdrawal of legislation to allow advertising on construction sheds and Mr. Kerzner on the City's plans to plant thousands of new trees.

Formed in 1997 through the merger of the United Civic Council of Queens and the Eastern Queens Civic Council, the Queens Civic Congress maintain its updated [website](http://QueensCivicCongress.org) (Queens Civic Congress.org) as a portal for community groups. QCC formally release its new platform, ***CIVIC 2030*** -- including a resounding rejection of congestion pricing -- and its 2007-2008 [meeting](#) schedule including a landmarking and preservation workshop, at its September 17 meeting.

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Photos from the installation follow below:



Queens Civic Congress Secretary Sey Schwartz, outgoing President Sean Walsh, incoming President Corey Bearak and Treasurer Jim Trent listen to greetings from Assembly Member Rory Lancman (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association)



Assembly Member Barbara Clark installs Queens Civic Congress officers (left to right) Vice Presidents Ed Westley, Kathy Masi, Dorothy Woo, Audrey Lucas, Paul Kerzner, Harbachan Singh, Founder Bob Harris, Secretary Sey Schwartz, Vice President Barbara Larkin, Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan, Vice President Dave Kulick and Treasurer Jim Trent (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi)



New Queens Civic Congress officers (left to right): Vice Presidents Ed Westley, Kathy Masi, Dorothy Woo, Audrey Lucas, Paul Kerzner, Harbachan Singh, Founder Bob Harris, Vice President Dave Kulick, Secretary Sey Schwartz, Vice President Barbara Larkin, installing officer Assembly Member Barbara Clark, Treasurer Jim Trent and Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi)



Assembly Member Barbara Clark installs her constituent Corey Bearak as the second President of the Queens Civic Congress. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi)



State Senator Frank Padavan (standing center) congratulates his constituents outgoing Queens Civic Congress President Sean Walsh (seated 3<sup>rd</sup> left) and newly installed President Corey Bearak (standing left). Also seated (left to right) are QCC Founder Bob Harris, Secretary Sey Schwartz, Treasurer Jim Trent and new Vice President Barbara Larkin. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi)



Newly installed Queens Civic Congress President Corey Bearak thanks his predecessor Sean Walsh (seated) and outlines his priorities for his term. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi)



Assembly Education Committee Chair Cathy Nolan delivers her keynote speech. Seated left to right Founder Bob Harris, Secretary Sey Schwartz, President Emeritus Sean Walsh, Treasurer Jim Trent and Vice President Barbara Larkin. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi)



Assembly Member Cathy makes one of many good points while *President Emeritus* Sean Walsh (right) and Treasurer Jim Trent listen. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi)



City Council Finance Committee Chair give greetings before making presentations to the former and current Queens Civic Congress Presidents Walsh and Bearak respectively. Treasurer Jim Trent observes and Founder Bob Harris makes sure Secretary Sey Schwartz makes a good record. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi)



City Council Finance Committee Chair presents a City Council commendation to Queens Civic Congress *President Emeritus* Sean Walsh as his successor, Corey Bearak, Treasurer Jim Trent (seated right), Vice President Harbachan Singh, Founder Bob Harris and Secretary Sey Schwartz applaud approvingly. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi)



**Bearak's turn.** City Councilman David Weprin presents a City Council commendation to his friend/former Hofstra Law School classmate and constituent, new Queens Civic Congress President Corey Bearak and new Vice President Harbachan Singh, Founder Bob Harris, Secretary Sey Schwartz, *President Emeritus* Sean Walsh and Treasurer James Trent applaud. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi)



City Council Members David Weprin, keynote speaker Assembly Member Cathy Nolan, Queens Civic Congress President Corey Bearak and *President Emeritus* Sean Walsh, installing officer Assembly Member Barbara Clark and State Senator Frank Padavan. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi)



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