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QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS SUPPORTS JA. ESTATES, COMMUNITY QUESTIONS ST. JOHN'S DORMS ADJACENT TO LOW-RISE RESIDENCES

The Queens Civic Congress participated in a community meeting, Tuesday, December 11 called by State Senator Frank Padavan and concerned community residents about plans to develop dormitories on Henley Road in Jamaica Estates. Vice President Harbachan Singh represented the coalition of over 100 civic, community, cooperative, tenant and community organizations in the borough of Queens. Other speakers at the meeting held at P.S. 131 included Councilman James Gennaro and Assemblyman Mark Weprin. Several members of Community Board 8 and local civics also attended. Queens Civic Congress Vice President Singh's statement follows:

My name is Harbachan Singh and I am a Vice President of the Queens Civic Congress and co-Chair of its Zoning and Code Enforcement Committee. QCC is an umbrella organization of over 100 neighborhood civic organizations. I am a member of Queens Community Board 8 and delegate to the Borough President's Queens General Assembly. On behalf of the Queens Civic Congress, I come here to support the Jamaica Estates community in its opposition to the placing of off-campus dorms adjacent to low-rise residences.

St. John's University is a responsible neighbor and must act as such, especially after making commitments to do so. It is unbecoming for a respectable institution to act in any other way than a respectable way.

The Jamaica Estates Community and its elected officials – Councilman James Gennaro, Assemblyman Mark Weprin and, in particular, NY State Senator Frank Padavan – have eloquently enumerated all the negative aspects of this proposal and have vowed to keep the pressure on until a sensible approach is adopted by St. John's. Each and every concern listed is by itself a sufficient reason for St. John's to abandon its proposal.

The Queens Civic Congress joins the Jamaica Estates Association, the neighbors along and near Henley Road, community leaders, and elected representatives in communicating our outrage and disappointment over the indifference and total disregard by St. John's to the voices of its neighbors. It cannot be. This project must be stopped.

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