



# Queens Civic Congress

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## **QUEENS CIVICS CONGRESS SPECIAL ZONING & LAND USE FORUM: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Queens Civic Congress, the borough-wide coalition of civic and condo, cooperative, tenant and other community organizations announces A Special Forum on Zoning & Land Use: Unfinished Business, Monday, March 31, 2008, 7:30 p.m., at Queens Community House/ Kew Gardens Community Center, 80-02 Kew Gardens Road at Union Turnpike and Queens Boulevard, Suite 202, Kew Gardens, NY 11415, advised Queens Civic Congress President Corey Bearak.

The speakers include: City Council Zoning & Franchises Committee Chair **Tony Avella**; NYC Board of Standards and Appeals Vice Chair **Christopher Collins**, Esq.; Department of City Planning Queens Director **John Young**; **Sandra Atwell** (President, Hollis 11423 Block Association); **Paul DiBenedetto** (President, Bayside Civic Database); **Henry Euler** (Zoning and Housing Chair, Auburndale Improvement Association), and Independent Urban Planner **Paul Graziano** (President, Historic Districts Council). QCC President Emeritus & Founder **Sean M. Walsh**, Esq., will serve as Moderator.

According to Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan, QCC's Land Use and Planning chair: "Panelists will cover these important topics: Neighborhoods waiting for re-zoning – New zones to protect the R1 zone ("R1A") – onefamily row houses and single-family occupancy houses on narrow lots – Neighborhoods that don't get the zoning plan they need – Getting ready for the City Planning Commission – More."

"Participants are urged to review the Queens Civic Congress Land Use and Zoning recommendations in our CIVIC 2030 platform, pages 5 through 8," stated Mr. Bearak. (See <http://queensciviccongress.org/platform/CIVIC2030.pdf>). Ms Dolan noted, "Queens Civic Congress gratefully acknowledges the support of the Queens Civic Congress Foundation."

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WHO: Queens Civic Congress, City Council Zoning & Franchises Committee Chair Tony Avella; NYC Board of Standards and Appeals Vice Chair Christopher Collins , Esq.; Department of City Planning Queens Director John Young; Sandra Atwell (President, Hollis 11423 Block Association); Paul DiBenedetto (President, Bayside Civic Database); Henry Euler (Zoning and Housing Chair, Auburndale Improvement Association), Independent Urban Planner Paul Graziano (President, Historic Districts Council), and QCC President Emeritus & Founder Sean M. Walsh , Esq.

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