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## **SENATOR SCHUMER, MAYORAL, PUBLIC ADVOCATE WANNABES, MTA CHIEF VISIT QUEENS CIVICS**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Reception of the Queens Civic Congress featured more than the traditional opportunity for pols and civic leaders to chat, make friends and talk issues as U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, three would-be Mayors and candidates for Public Advocate and Queens Borough President joined the MTA's CEO and several of their colleagues with plans to hold their existing office in visiting the coalition of over 100 civic, community, condo, co-operative, homeowner and tenant organizations representing every community in the borough, said President Corey B. Bearak.

Senator Schumer, City Comptroller William Thompson, Member of Congress Anthony Weiner, and Queens Borough President Helen Marshall all delivered greetings at the off-the-record cocktail reception. Other guests included MTA Executive Director/ CEO Lee Sander, State Senator Frank Padavan, Assembly Members Audrey Pheffer, Mark Weprin, Rory Lancman, Nettie Mayersohn and William Scarborough, City Council Members Tony Avella, Bill de Blasio, Leroy Comrie, Eric Gioia and John Liu, representatives of State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli and State Assembly Member Catherine Nolan and Queens Community Board Chairs Gene Kely (7), Betty Braton (10), Steve Newman (11) and Rich Hellenbrecht (13) and District Manager Debra Markell-Kleinert (2). They chatted with civic leaders from across the borough during their visits at the reception held at the Douglaston Club, Saturday, December 6.

During Mr. Bearak's welcome, Assemblyman Weprin called out a reminder that the Queens Civic Congress opposed tolls. Mr. Bearak used the opportunity in the presence of Mr. Sander to remind the assembled civic leaders and elected officials that the "no new tolls" [plan](#) supported by the Congress delivers more revenue than the Commission on MTA Financing scheme. Mr. Bearak also noted the Congress [opposed](#) the change in terms limits, recommends real property tax [reform](#) – not the City Hall plan to hike real estate taxes and is supporting the [lawsuit](#) to restore the two-term limit. When Borough President Marshall called for support senior programs and community boards, Mr. Bearak also raised the need to protect funding for the borough presidents (and a citywide elected official nodded in agreement.)

The Queens Civic Congress developed [CIVIC 2030](#) found on the Queens Civic Congress website's platform [link](#) to recommend public policies to make New York a better City.

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Congressman Anthony Weiner chats wth Angela and Mike Augugliaro (Queens Colony) and Dick Lopez and Margaret Fanelli (North Bellerose). (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association)



Comptroller Bill Thompson with Dick Lopez and Margaret Fanelli (North Bellerose), Rick Duskwicz (standing - Creedmoor), Jerry Wind (Bellerose-Hillside) and Barney Aquilino and Frank Toner (Rocky Hill). (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association)



Comptroller Thompson with Rick Duskwicz (Creedmoor), Lucy DeFranceschi (North Bellerose), Angela and Mike Augugliaro (Queens Colony). (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association)



Senator Chuck Schumer (holding bike helmet), Comptroller Thompson, Queens Civic Congress President Corey Beak, and Members of the Assembly Rory Lancman, Mark Weprin and Bill Scarborough. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association)

State Senator Frank Padavan, Borough President Helen Marshall, Senator Schumer, Council Member John Liu, Assembly Member Scarborough, Comptroller Thompson, Assembly Member Lancman, QCC Pres. Bearak and Assembly Member Weprin. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association)



Senator Padavan, Borough President Marshall, Senator Schumer, Council Member Liu, Assembly Member Scarborough, Comptroller Thompson, Assembly Member Lancman, QCC Pres. Bearak and Assembly Member Weprin. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association)



Senator Schumer, Council Member Liu, Assembly Member Scarborough, Comptroller Thompson, Assembly Member Lancman, QCC Pres. Bearak and Assembly Member Weprin. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association)



Senator Schumer and QCC VP and QCC Foundation President Paul Kerzner (Ridgewood). (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association)



Senator Schumer and Corey Bearak. (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association).



Mike Augugliaro (Queens Colony), Bob Friedrich (Glen Oaks) and Dick Lopez (North Bellerose). (Photo by Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association)