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NORTH QUEENS RE-ZONING & R1-2A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

Testimony by Patricia Dolan, Executive Vice-President, Queens Civic Congress

City Planning Commission, March 18, 2009

Good morning. I am Patricia Dolan, Executive Vice President of Queens Civic Congress, an umbrella organization of more than 110 community and neighborhood associations representing tenants, business owners, co-op and condo owners and homeowners living in every part of Queens. I am also the president of the Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the North Flushing rezoning and the R1-2A zoning text amendment.

Since its founding, Queens Civic Congress has made neighborhood preservation and contextual zoning a key part of our advocacy. So we are especially pleased to be here in support of the Flushing civic groups that worked so hard and so long to rezone their neighborhoods.

The long awaited R1-2A zone, which the Congress has supported for the past five years, adds another critically needed element to the planning and zoning toolbox that the city's lowest density neighborhoods need if they are to protect their unique and irreplaceable character. We look forward in the coming months to seeing more zoning plans completed for these lowest density neighborhoods. At the same time, we wish to remind you that other low-density neighborhoods continue to wait for text amendments that will protect one-family occupancy homes on narrow lots and one-family occupancy row houses.

The North Flushing rezoning presented challenges, which city planners and community leaders overcame. They have created a zoning plan that serves residents but allows for orderly growth.

We wish to thank Borough President Marshall for her leadership, which has preserved almost forty Queens neighborhoods and is a model for the other boroughs. And we extend a special thanks to John Young, director of the Queens office of City Planning and his staff, without whose dedicated and insightful guidance this plan would never have been completed.

Queens Civic Congress supports the plan. Thank you.

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