



# Queens Civic Congress

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## QUEENS CIVICS CONGRESS LAND USE & LANDMARKING FORUM

Queens Civic Congress, the borough-wide coalition of civic and condo, cooperative, tenant and other community organizations announces A Land Use and Landmarking Forum, Monday, March 30, 2009, 7:00 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**; Department of City Planning Queens Director **John Young**; Historic Districts Council Executive Director **Simeon Bankoff**, **Henry Euler** (Zoning and Housing Chair, Auburndale Improvement Association), Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Past President **Mel Siegel**, Community Board 7 Zoning Chair **Chuck Apelian**, Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association President **Paul Kerzner** (also a Queens Civic Congress VP), Jackson Heights Beautification Group's **Ed Westley** (also a Queens Civic Congress VP) and Independent Urban Planner **Paul Graziano** (President, Historic Districts Council).

According to Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan, QCC's Land Use and Planning chair: "Last year almost 100 Queens civic leaders met for QCC's inaugural land use forum. That 2008 forum addressed landmarking and historic preservation in Queens."

"This year Queens Civic Congress broadens our scope to underscore the role of zoning in neighborhood preservation – and stabilization," stated Mr. Bearak. "We plan a review of 2008's neighborhood rezonings and a discussion on zoning priorities for 2009." Ms Dolan noted, "The 2009 forum will include a presentation of the new R1-2A zone, which the Department of City Planning certified on January 20. The rezoning of North Flushing, which is now in ULURP includes areas to be zoned R1-2A."

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**WHO:** Queens Civic Congress, City Council Zoning & Franchises Committee Chair Tony Avella; Department of City Planning Queens Director John Young; Historic Districts Council Executive Director Simeon Bankoff, Henry Euler (Zoning and Housing Chair, Auburndale Improvement Association), Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Past President Mel Siegel, Community Board 7 Zoning Chair Chuck Apelian, Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association President Paul Kerzner (also a Queens Civic Congress VP), Jackson Heights Beautification Group's Ed Westley (also a Queens Civic Congress VP) and Independent Urban Planner Paul Graziano (President, Historic Districts Council).

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