

## **Our Culturals Needs Our Support**

I shared this message below from a former co-worker with our Treasurer, Jim Trent, who serves as President of the Queens County Farm Museum. Jim recommends all QCCers and our friends support this call. I also recommend a call to 311 to tell the Mayor you oppose the cuts to culturals. QCC [budget](#) statements and our [CIVIC 2030](#) platform discuss how to budget to cover this and other important priorities. Moreover in a [column](#), I wrote a few years back, I outlined how investments in our cultural programs and institutions yield many more dollars back in economic development and tax revenues: “Studies have shown that a small investment by the city in culturals leads to higher income to restaurants, hotels, etc. from tourists who visit the museums and theaters; the city largely recoups the investment through higher sales and income taxes. Retaining those of our residents who patronize the arts remains important because these New Yorkers tend to be the better educated, higher income people who support our tax base.”

- Corey Bearak, President, Queens Civic Congress

-----Original Message-----

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Subject: FW: Please support your cultural institutions

As someone who cares about botanical gardens, museums, performing arts centers, zoos and aquariums in New York City, please take action by clicking on the link and send a message to Speaker Christine C. Quinn.

Your support is much appreciated.

<http://capwiz.com/wcs/issues/alert/?alertid=13251736&type=CU>

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