



# Queens Civic Congress

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## **SPEAK OUT AGAINST DOB/ CITY HALL PLAN TO CUT PUBLIC OUT ON BUILDING COMPLAINTS, July 10 outside DOB's 280 Broadway office**

**Queens Civic Congress** [QCC], joined by community advocates throughout the City, called a speak out, Friday, July 10 at 12:00 noon against the City Hall plan to cut the public out on making building complaints. Outside the Department of Buildings at 280 Broadway in Manhattan, a few blocks north of City Hall, **Queens Civic Congress**, members of the 110 civic associations it represents covering every community throughout the borough, the **Historic Districts Council**, the **Four Borough Neighborhood Preservation Alliance**, other concerned community advocates from all five boroughs and invited electeds (including Comptroller William Thompson and Councilmen Anthony Avella, John Liu and David Weprin) and candidates (including Norman Siegal) who sign on the the QCC statement will gather to strongly oppose City Hall's latest scam to remove from the public its right to challenge, at any time, and to demand an official examination, inspection and resolution by the Buildings Department with respect to established zoning regulations and Building Code requirements.

Queens Civic Congress objects to new procedures that make filing a challenge more onerous than the current 311 complaint and remove any possibility of filing an anonymous challenge. Monday, July 13, the Department of Buildings (DOB) will post plans for pending work permits on its website so that the public can identify problems with planned projects and file complaints in a timely fashion. For more information, read the Queens Civic Congress open letter available at www.queensciviccongress.org.

Queens Civic Congress President Corey Bearak stated, "The rule, if left standing, immunizes corrupt practices and limits the public's right to address illegal conduct whenever and wherever found. It violates our fundamental rights as citizens." Download the flyer.

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WHO: Queens Civic Congress, Historic Districts Council, Four Borough Neighborhood Preservation Alliance community Advocates, electeds, candidates

WHAT: Speak Out Against DOB/ City Hall Plan to Cut Public Out on Building Complaints

WHEN: Friday, July 10, 12:00 noon

WHERE: Outside the NYC Department of Building at 280 Broadway, bet. Chambers and Reade Streets in Lower Manhattan (if e-media constraints will move across to SE corner Broadway and Chambers)

[Note: Queens Civic Congress Membership follows on the next page]

Find Queens Civic Congress [Members](http://queensciviccongress.org/organization/members.php) on the web at: <http://queensciviccongress.org/organization/members.php>.

### Queens Civic Congress Members

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