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SENATOR SCHUMER SCORES WITH QUEENS CIVICS

U.S. Senator Charles V. Schumer delivered the goods and enlisted help from Queens civic leaders when New York's senior senator addressed the Queens Civic Congress (QCC), Monday, June 16 at the Queens County Farm Museum in Bellerose, according to QCC President Sean M. Walsh. "Senator Schumer not only made clear his steadfast support for a full-length Second Avenue Subway that runs to Queens, stating, ' there will be no Second Avenue Subway without a connection to Queens'. The Senator also committed to helping to pass Senator Jon Corzine's legislation to mitigate airplane noise and insisted that the Federal government pay for any Croton filtration facility, 'if under a golf course'."

"Queens Civics and our members appreciated Senator Schumer's update on Federal aid, including his call for the Civic Congress and its member civics to join the Senator in advocating the Governor and State Legislature enact legislation that would pass to New York City its full share of discretionary aid in the tax bill," stated Corey B. Bearak, Executive Vice President for Legislative and Public Affairs who arranged the program. "Senator Schumer expressed concern about the 18.5% City property tax hike and advocated that federal assistance be applied to prevent any further property tax hikes, if not scale back that tax. Federal assistance for the City's Water Supply Capital Program should result in much lower than projected water rates, and support a reduction in our water and sewer taxes."

The Senator also argued for full funding of the No Child Left Behind law to direct $1 billion in aide to the City for education; he also noted that Special Education gets short thrift, about 17% what's needed, a $2 billion shortfall, that Senator Schumer seeks to right.

City Council Finance Chair David I. Weprin, in whose district the meeting took place, took questions after Senator Schumer, who committed to a return engagement left. Council Transportation Committee Chair John Liu, a former QCC Vice President and Transportation Committee chair, also attended and heard Senator Schumer commitment to "push them now" on the Second Avenue Subway.

Mr. Walsh notes that the Queens Civic Congress represents 100 civic, community, condo, co-operative, homeowner and tenant organizations, stating, "Our membership represents almost every community in the borough." The entire Queens Civic Congress Platform may be viewed on the internet at http://www.queensciviccongress.org/Platform/02platform.htm.

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