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MAYORAL, OTHER WANNABES, MTA CHIEF VISIT QUEENS CIVICS; NYS LIBERTY MEDAL FOR QCC PAST PRESIDENT

The Annual Legislative Reception of the Queens Civic Congress featured more than the traditional opportunity for pols and civic leaders to chat, make friends and talk issues as two unannounced and one announced would-be Mayors and announced and unannounced candidates for Comptroller, Public Advocate, City Council Speaker and Queens Borough President joined the MTA's CEO and several of their colleagues with plans to hold their existing office in visiting the coalition of over 100 civic, community, condo, co-operative, homeowner and tenant organizations representing every community in the borough, said President Corey B. Bearak.

City Comptroller William Thompson, Member of Congress Anthony Weiner, MTA Executive Director/ CEO Lee Sander, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, State Senator Frank Padavan, Assembly Members Audrey Pheffer, Ann Carrozza, Rory Lancman and William Scarborough, and City Council Members James Gennaro, Dan Garodnick, Tony Avella, John Liu, Eric Gioia, and David Weprin as chatted with civic leaders from across the borough during their visits at the reception held at the Douglaston Club, Sunday, December 2. Comptroller Thompson and Congressman Weiner also delivered greetings said Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan.

QCC Past President Sean M. Walsh received a surprise – but much deserved – award, a Legislative Proclamation and Senate Liberty Award and Medal from Senator Padavan. Mr. Bearak who coordinated the invitations to the elected officials, said the civic leaders also enjoyed one on one discussions their elected officials. Two Community Board leaders attended: Community Board 6 District Manager Frank Gulluscio and Community Board 13 Chair Rich Hellenbrecht.

Mr. Walsh also created a “sign-in” display for the electeds to indicate their support on three issues: *Congestion Pricing – Just Say No*, *Water Rate Increase – 500% in 10 years Just Say No*, and *Support QCC 2030 Plan – 2007-2008 Platform*. Those who signed include Senator Padavan, Councilmen Weprin, Avella and Gennaro, and Assembly Members (Mark) Weprin, Pheffer, Carrozza and Scarborough. Senator Toby Stavisky advised she supports CIVIC 2030 and opposes the water rate gauge. Assemblyman Lancman opposes congestion pricing and the water tax. Manhattan BP Scott Stringer (reported to have citywide ambitions) signed on to oppose the water tax hike. Other signers are expected. Mr. Bearak noted that the Queens Civic Congress highlights electeds who support [CIVIC 2030](#) on the Queens Civic Congress website's platform [link](#). [see Photos below; Queens Civic Congress Members listing follows the pictures]

Queens Civic Congress Legislative Reception Photos



Queens Civic Congress President Corey Bearak (North Bellerose Civic Association) watches approvingly as State Senator Frank Padavan lauds Bearak's predecessor Sean M. Walsh (Douglaston Civic Association), a Padavan constituent. Notice photographers Michael O'Kane (Queens Chronicle) and Dee Richard (TimesLedger newspapers) taking their own shots. [Credit Photo to Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association]



Past President Sean Walsh wearing his Liberty Medal Award. (Photo by Jim Jaffe, Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association)



Bellerose Confab: Bellerose Hillside Civic Association President George Wind, Rocky Hill Civic Association President Frank Toner and North Bellerose Civic Association President Bruno DeFranceschi [Credit Photo to Lucy DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association]



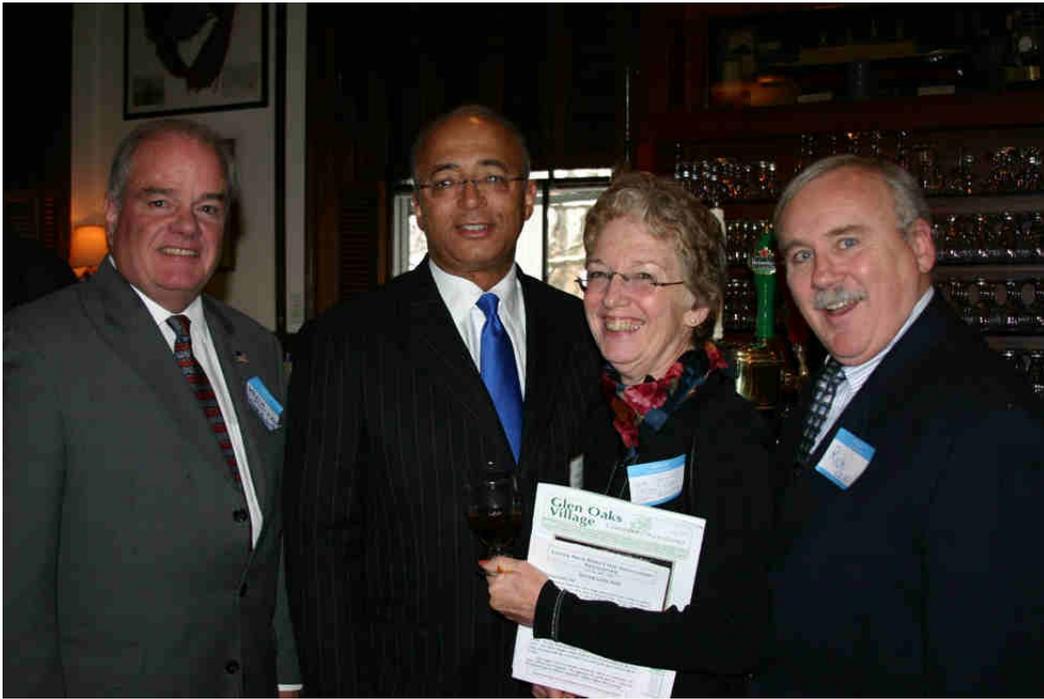
Front: Member of Congress Anthony Weiner, Queens Civic Congress President Corey Bearak, Assembly Member Rory Lancman, State Senator Frank Padavan and Council Member John Liu.
Back: surprise honoree Past President Sean Walsh, Council Member Eric Gioia, Comptroller William Thompson, Council Member Dan Garodnick, Assembly Member Audrey Pheffer, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer (Photo by Jim Jaffe, Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association)



Queens Civic Congress President Corey Bearak, Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan, Herb Gormley (Bell Harbor Property Owners), Congressman Anthony Weiner, Vice President Barbara Larkin and Treasurer Jim Trent. (Photo by Jim Jaffe, Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association)



Newsletter (“The Congressional”) editor and Vice President Dave Kulick flanked by Zoning and Code Enforcement Co-Chairs Vice President Harbachan Singh and Joseph Amoroso (right)
(Photo by Jim Jaffe, Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association)



Health & Human Services Chair Kevin Forrestal, City Comptroller Bill Thompson, Jackie Forrestal (Hillcrest Estates Civic Association) and Vice President Richard Hellenbrecht, chair of QCC's Platform Committee and Chairperson of Community Board 13Q) (Photo by Jim Jaffe, Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association)



Member of Congress Anthony Weiner, Glen Oaks Village Owners President Robert Friedrich, Metropolitan Transportation Authority Executive Director/ CEO Eliot Sander, State Senator Frank Padavan, Queens Civic Congress President Corey Bearak [Credit Photo to Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association]



Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan with Assemblywoman Audrey Pheffer (Photo by Jim Jaffe, Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association)



Past President Sean Walsh, Member of Congress Anthony Weiner, Glen Oaks Village Owners President Robert Friedrich, Metropolitan Transportation Authority Executive Director/ CEO Eliot Sander, Council Member Eric Gioia [Credit Photo to Bruno DeFranceschi, North Bellerose Civic Association]



City Councilman Dan Garodnick, Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan, City Councilman John Liu (a QCC VP and its transportation chair before he took office) and President Emeritus Sean Walsh (Photo by Jim Jaffe, Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association)

[As more photos become available – more will be posted so please check back to this [link](#)]

Queens Civic Congress Members

Association of Old Forest Hills ♦ Auburndale Improvement Association ♦ Bayside Civic Database ♦ Bayside Clear-Spring Council ♦ Bayside Hills Civic Association ♦ Bayswater Civic Association ♦ Bay Terrace Community Alliance, Inc. ♦ Bellaire-BellVill Civic Association ♦ Belle Harbor Property Owners Association ♦ Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association ♦ Bellerose Hillside Civic Association ♦ Bell Park Manor Terrace Community Council ♦ Bowne Park Civic Association ♦ Briarwood Community Association ♦ Cambria Heights Civic Association ♦ Cherry Robinson Homeowners ♦ Civic Association of Utopia Estates ♦ C.O.M.E.T. (Communities of Maspeth-Elmhurst Together) ♦ Concerned Citizens of Laurelton ♦ Cornucopia Society ♦ Creedmoor Civic Association ♦ Deerfield Area Association ♦ Doug-Bay Manor Civic Association ♦ Douglas Manor Association ♦ Douglaston Civic Association ♦ Dutch Kills Civic Assn. of Long Island City ♦ East Flushing Civic Association ♦ Federated Block Associations of Laurelton ♦ Federation of Civic Associations of Southeast Queens ♦ Floral Park Community Council ♦ Flushing Heights Civic Association ♦ Flushing on the Hill Taxpayers Association ♦ Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce ♦ Forest Hills Crescents Association ♦ Forest Hills-Van Court Association ♦ Fresh Meadows Homeowners Association ♦ Georgetown Mews ♦ Glendale Civic Association of Queens ♦ Glen Oaks Village Owners, Inc. ♦ Greater Astoria Historical Society ♦ Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association ♦ Harding Heights Civic Association ♦ Hillcrest Estates Civic Association ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #1 ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #2 ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #3 ♦ Hilltop Village Co-Op #4 ♦ Hollis 11423 Block Association ♦ Hollis Hills Civic Association ♦ Holliswood Civic Association ♦ Hollis Park Gardens Civic Association ♦ Holly Civic Association ♦ Hyde Park Gardens Cooperative ♦ Jackson Heights Beautification Group ♦ Jamaica Estates Association ♦ Jamaica Hill Community Association ♦ Juniper Park Civic Association ♦ Kew Gardens Civic Association ♦ Kew Gardens Hills Homeowners Association ♦ Kissena Park Civic Association ♦ Little Neck Bay Civic Association ♦ Little Neck Pines ♦ Long Island City Alliance ♦ Malba Civic Association ♦ Meadowlark Gardens Owners ♦ Middle Village Property Owners Association ♦ Mitchell Linden Civic Association ♦ Neponsit Property Owners Association ♦ Newtown Civic Association ♦ North Bellerose Civic Association ♦ North Flushing Civic Association ♦ North Hills Estates Civic Association ♦ Northwest Clearview Civic Association ♦ Norwood Civic Association ♦ Oakland Terrace/ Gardens Community Council ♦ Off Broadway Homeowners Association ♦ Our Neighborhood Improvement Association ♦ Our Neighbors Civic Association of Ozone Park, Inc. ♦ Parkway Village Historical Society ♦ Queensboro Hill Neighborhood Association ♦ Queens Colony Civic Association ♦ Queens Community Civic Corp. ♦ Queens Village Civic Association ♦ Ramblersville-Hawtree Civic Association ♦ Richmond Hill Historical Society ♦ Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association ♦ Rockaway Park Homeowners/ Residents ♦ Rocky Hill Civic Association ♦ Rosedale Civic Association ♦ Royal Ranch Association. ♦ Southeast Queens Concerned Neighbors ♦ South Ozone Park West Civic Association ♦ Springfield/Rosedale Community Action Association ♦ Station Road Civic Assoc. of Auburndale ♦ Sunnyside Gardens/Harrison Place Homeowners ♦ Surrey Estates Civic Association ♦ Union Turnpike Merchants Association ♦ United Forties Civic Association ♦ United Neighbors Civic Association ♦ Waldheim Neighborhood Association ♦ Wayanda Civic Association ♦ West Cunningham Park Civic Association ♦ Westmoreland Association ♦ Woodside Community Council