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QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS HONORS FOUNDING PRES. WALSH, PARKS & PRESERVATION GROUPS

Senator Charles Schumer helped the Queens Civic Congress, the borough-wide coalition of civic and condo, cooperative, tenant and other community organizations, honor its past-President Sean M. Walsh, Esq. with its Queens Civic Award for Outstanding Community Service at the 6th Queens Civic Luncheon, Sunday, April 6, at Antun's of Queens Village, announced President Corey Bearak. Queens Borough President Helen Marshall delivered the Keynote address and made clear her opposition to the Congestion Tax. Queens Civic Congress also recognized two activist organizations who toil in the trenches to make Queens a better place: Sunnyside Gardens Preservation Alliance received the *Queens Civic Achievement Award in Preservation* presented by Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan. Queens Coalition for Parks and Green Spaces received the *Queens Civic Environment Improvement Award*, presented by QCC Parks Committee co-chairs Vice President Barbara Larkin and Kim Ohanian. Fred Kress accepted on behalf of QCP&GS and Herbert Reynold accepted for Sunnyside.

Mrs. Marshall's Brooklyn and Manhattan colleagues Marty Markowitz and Scott Stringer also delivered greetings. State Senator Frank Padavan (also on behalf of Assembly Member Mark Weprin and Council Member Helen Sears also recognized Mr. Walsh. Councilman David Weprin presented citations to each honoree. Council Members James Gennaro and Melinda Katz spoke on their votes and advocacy against the Congestion Tax, and Assembly Member Audrey Pheffer explained Queens residents have not need to call her office on Monday because of her commitment to down the tax.

Other elected officials who attended included staunch congestion tax opponents Council Members Tony Avella and Assembly Member Rory Lancman. Other attendees included Council Members John Liu, Eric Gioia, Simcha Felder, David Yassky and Deputy Borough President Karen Koslowitz.

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[Pictures of the program follow. Watch this link for more photos to be added]



Former Borough President and QCCF board member Claire Shulman, honoree Sean Walsh, Ron Kim representing Governor David Paterson, QCC President Corey Bearak, State Senator Frank Padavan. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



Dr. Christine Walsh, Claire Shulman, Sean Walsh, Ron Kim, Corey Bearak. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



Deputy Borough President Karen Koslowitz, Claire Shulman, Melinda Katz, Sean Walsh, Senator Frank Padavan, Council Members Simcha Felder, Eric Gioia and Helen Sears and Assembly Member Audrey Pheffer. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



Council Member Melinda Katz, Claire Shulman, Corey Bearak, Sean Walsh, Senator Frank Padavan, Council Members Simcha Felder, Eric Gioia and Helen Sears and Assembly Member Audrey Pheffer, and Council Members David Yassky and James Gennaro. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



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Sean Walsh displays City Council Recognition presented by Councilman Helen Sears. Jackson Heights friends, including QCC Vice President Ed Westley participated in the presentation. Council colleagues joining Ms. Sears in the presentation include James Gennaro (behind Sean) and John Liu (behind Sears). At right is Deputy Borough President Karen Koslowitz. At right is Assembly Member Audrey Pheffer. (Photo by Jim Jaffe, Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association).



Assembly Member Audrey Pheffer tells QCC members and friends they need not call her office because she is already committed to vote against the congestion tax. QCC President Corey Bearak smiles approvingly. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



Senator Charles Schumer speaks. Queens Civic Congress Foundation President Sean Walsh and Queens Civic Congress President Corey Bearak guards his flanks. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



Senator Schumer speaking. At right is Corey Bearak (Photo by Jim Jaffe, Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association).



Councilman James Gennaro, honoree Sean Walsh, Senator Charles Schumer, QCC President Corey Bearak, Queens Borough President Helen Marshall (Photo by Jim Jaffe, Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association).



In the foreground: Bellerose Troika: Queens Colony Civic Association President Angela Augugliaro, North Bellerose Civic Association President Bruno DeFranceschi and Rocky Hill Civic Association President Frank Toner. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



Sean Walsh thanks the Congress for its recognition as Borough President Helen Marshall approves. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



Queens Borough Helen Marshall delivers her address, including her opposition to the Conestion Tax. At right is Queens Civic Congress President Corey Bearak. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



Sunnyside Gardens Preservation Alliance accepts its award presented by Queens Civic Congress Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



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Watching Sunnyside get their award: Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, Council Members Helen Sears (standing) and David Weprin (seated), QCC Vice President Barbara Larkin, President Corey Bearak and Senator Padavan. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



Councilman David Weprin attacks the Congestion Tax before making his presentation to Sean Walsh and the other honorees. Also standing are Queens Civic Congress Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan and President Corey Bearak. Seated are Parks Chair Kim Ohanian, Sunnyside Gardens' Herbert Reynolds, honoree Sean Walsh, Borough President Marshall, QCC Vice President Barbara Larkin, Council Member Helen Sears and Senator Frank Padavan. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



Sean Walsh accepts his award from Councilman Weprin. At left is QCC Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan. QCC President Corey Bearak and Council Member Helen Sears look on. Photo courtesy North Bellerose Civic Association.



Fred Kress accepting for honoree Queens Coalition for Parks and Greenspaces, Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, honoree Sean Walsh and State Senator Frank Padavan