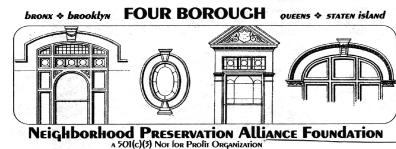


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Thompson's Audit Supports Civic Coalition's Reforms *Comptroller Confirms Widespread Concerns*

Community groups from around New York applaud City Comptroller Bill Thompson's new [audit](#) finding that the Department of Buildings (DOB) has failed to follow its own rules. The DOB continues to put New Yorkers at risk by failing to reinspect hazardous violations.

"We would like to take credit for the Comptroller's findings," said Raul Rothblatt, Executive Director of the Four Borough Neighborhood Preservation Alliance. "The audit reads strikingly similar to our own [recommendations](#). On [June 12, 2008](#), our coalition held a news conference on the exact same issues. Obviously, the Comptroller's office has been studying this issue for some. We wholeheartedly applaud Bill Thompson on his fine work."

"City Comptroller Bill Thompson identified the magnitude of concerns consistently raised by Queens Civic Congress, Four Borough Neighborhood Preservation Alliance and [Historic Districts Council](#)," said Corey B. Bearak, President of [Queens Civic Congress](#). "QCC's [CIVIC 2030](#) platform includes several remedies that address the concerns plainly highlighted in the Comptroller's [report](#). Our coalition, Citizens for Buildings (Department) Reform, calls on City Hall to work to adopt these proposals to give DOB much needed tools to ensure safe and legal building in our City.

"It's good to see our elected officials confirming what we in the community have known for years – that the Buildings Department is broken and needs to be fixed," says Simeon Bankoff, Executive Director of the [Historic Districts Council](#).

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