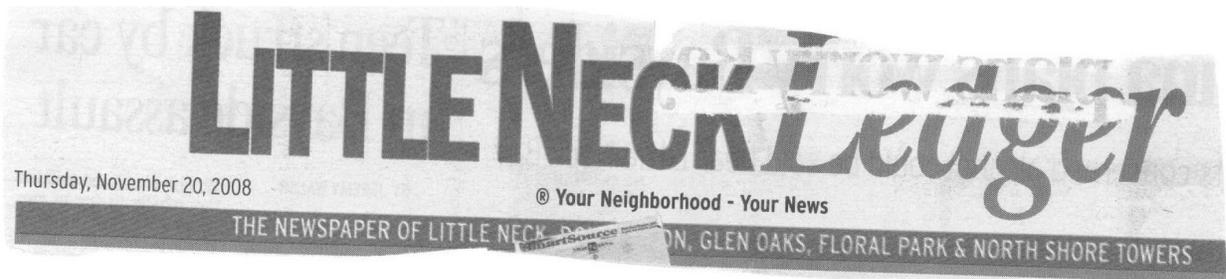


Queens Civic Congress continues to fight for real property tax reform. Below find a link to the original letter to Mayor Michael Bloomberg by President Corey Bearak that the TimesLedger newspapers reprinted as an open letter to the Mayor. Also find Bearak's September 29 letter that took early issue with when City Hall first dropped hints of a real property tax gouge.

[2008-11-06 Queens Civic Congress to Mayor Bloomberg: No Property Tax Hikes; avoid same old menu of moldy measures](#)

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## Mayor should call for city tax reform

*An open letter to Mayor Michael Bloomberg:*

**O**n behalf of the Queens Civic Congress, I write concerning the need to recast much of your revenue proposals to balance the city budget mid-year and anticipate revenue shortfalls in the next fiscal year.

Nearly one month ago, the QCC addressed your administration's talk of what would be nothing less than a real property tax gouge and proposed a sound and practical alternative. Your administration reacted with silence, moved forward with plans to hike taxes and stopped the \$400 rebates expected last month. Seniors who called 311 were told their checks were in the mail.

QCC, in its CIVIC2030 platform, outlines revenue and fiscal reforms more sensible and preferable than the same old measures. Time exists to give careful consideration to QCC revenue proposals, including the QCC REAL Property Tax Reform system that also would reintroduce equity and fairness.

Your administration can make a real difference by advancing this change for good rather than a stale resort to hiking property taxes.

QCC advocates most of the net revenues to help the city reform its tax system, address long-term borrowing issues and restructure its budget. This reform also covers the need to address core services for our needy.

Much can be done to raise revenue and give the middle and working class a break. Instead of taxing New Yorkers, many of them struggling in tough economic times, implement the QCC REAL Property Tax Reform.

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