

### **31<sup>st</sup> Council District Forum**

Queens Civic Congress thanks TimesLedger newspapers for covering this second in a series of Queens Civic Congress / Queens Coalition for Parks and Green Spaces/ New Yorkers for Park Parks 2009/ Historic Districts Council's League of Preservation Voters Candidates Forum. It is important to note these forum sponsors; the article unfortunately failed to note (In fact, that glaring omission occurs too often in community journalism with only the host facility noted even when it had nothing to do with the program; let us hope community newspaper editors focus on this and correct it from this point on.). As most already know, Queens Civic Congress in coalition with other principled organizations noted above, reached to arrange for its member organization to host forums in each Queens Council District. Another was held last night in Dutch Kills. Three more take place in the last week of this month. Click [here](#) for more information and on other forums hosted by Queens Civic Congress member civics.

It is also possible that the reporter left when I posed to each candidate present, whether they read and whether they support, the Queens Civic Congress [CIVIC 2030](#) platform. Only Mr. Sanders stated he did but we still await his statement in writing or via email so that we can post that to our website platform [section](#).

Queens Civic Congress makes no endorsements and urges voters in every district to look at the records and positions of every candidate and review those against [CIVIC 2030](#) which offers a good blueprint for sound (and good) governance of our city.

-Corey Bearak, President, Queens Civic Congress

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# **Sanders debates opponents**

**Democratic City Council candidates focus on water pollution, air quality**

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Some of the candidates vying to challenge City Councilman James Sanders (D-Laurelton) this November took on the incumbent last Thursday night in a special candidates forum that focused on southeast Queens' environmental issues.

The Springfield/Rosedale Community Action Association hosted the event at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Rosedale that featured Sanders and fellow Democrats Michael Duncan and Jacques Leandre, who will face the incumbent in the September Democratic primary, and Scherie Murray, a Republican

.....Challengers Marq Claxton, whose father died last week; Frederick Lewis; and Hillard Grays did not participate in the debate.

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