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QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS 2nd CIVIC LUNCHEON SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 12:00 NOON Features Address by Board of Education President Award to Civic Leader Marjorie Ferrigno

The Queens Civic Congress [QCC] holds a its 2nd Queens Civic Luncheon, Sunday, April 30, 12:00 noon, at Villa Russo, 101-12 Lefferts Boulevard, Richmond Hill, announced President Sean M. Walsh. NYC Board of Education President William Thompson delivers the keynote address and longtime civic leader-extraordinaire Marjorie Ferrigno of Flushing receives an award, advised Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan.

"The Queens Civic Luncheon affords civic leaders from across the Borough to meet and share concerns in an informal non-meeting atmosphere, meet key leaders from the other boroughs and chat with elected officials," said Executive Vice President for Public Affairs Corey Bearak. "As an umbrella group of 97 civic organizations, the Queens Civic Congress membership represents almost every community in the borough."

Ferrigno, a native New Yorker, will receive a citation honoring her leadership as a founder of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association and her effective civic work, especially as one of Queens' first citizen-planners, in neighborhood preservation. Civic Congress Founders Bob Harris and Al Greenblatt received the award at the First Civic Luncheon in 1998.

"With a band of like minded neighbors, Marge formed the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association. Broadway-Flushing, as it is known throughout northeast Flushing, soon became a force in neighborhood preservation," said QCC President Walsh in announcing the award to be presented by Queens Borough President Claire Shulman. "She immersed herself in the Zoning Resolution and the Building Code, making herself and her civic a leading authorities on both.

"Marge was part of the campaign, centered in northeast Queens, that made possible the rezoning of more than 30 Queens neighborhoods," added QCC Executive Vice President Dolan. Marge has been mentor, model and teacher to a generation of Queens civic leaders for advice, counsel, information and direction, which she graciously and modestly provides to all comers."