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## SENATOR "TWO TIMES" QUEENS CIVICS; NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED AT QCC LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

The Annual Legislative Reception of the Queens Civic Congress featured more than the traditional opportunity for pols and civic leaders to chat, make friends and talk issues as a United Stated Senator visited the coalition of over 100 civic, community, condo, co-operative, homeowner and tenant organizations representing almost every community in the borough, said QCC President Sean M. Walsh. Senator Charles Schumer, following up his June town hall sponsored by the Queens Civic Congress, made a return visit at the reception held at the Douglaston Club, Sunday, November 23. State Senator Frank Padavan, Queens' longest serving elected official, installed the QCC officers in the one formal part of a very informal event, said Corey B. Bearak, Executive Vice President for Legislative and Public Affairs.

Mr. Bearak who coordinated the invitations to the elected officials, the civic leaders also enjoyed one on one discussions with such elected officials as City Comptroller William Thompson, Member of Congress Anthony Weiner, Senators Toby Stavisky and John Sabini, Members of the Assembly Barbara Clark, Barry Grodenchik, Audrey Pheffer and Michelle Titus and Council Members Anthony Avella, James Gennaro, John Liu (a former QCC VP), Hiram Monserrate and Helen Sears. Joseph Goldbloom, chief of staff to Council Majority Whip Leroy Comrie and Deborah Markell, Queens Representative in the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit, also attended. Queens Civic Congress Foundation Board member Bernard Haber, the former long-time chair of Community Board 11, and New Yorkers for Parks' AnnaMaria Jones also visited with the civic leaders.

The Queens Civic Congress 2003-2004 officers installed by Senator Padavan were: President Walsh (Douglaston Civic Association), Executive Vice Presidents Corey Bearak (North Bellerose) and Patricia Dolan (Kew Gardens Hills); Treasurer James Trent (Creedmoor); Secretary: Seymour Schwartz (Briarwood); and Vice Presidents Tina Chan (Kew Forest), Kenneth Cohen (Flushing-Suburban), Richard Hellenbrecht (Bellerose-Commonwealth), David Kulick (Flushing on the Hill), Nagassar Ramgarib (Queens Village), and Edwin Westley (Jackson Heights), Audrey Lucas (Southeast Queens Concerned Neighbors) and Tyler Cassell (North Flushing).

QCC Treasurer Jim Trent noted that over half of the civic were represented, including Belle Harbor, Bellaire Bell-Vill, Bellerose Commonwealth, Bell Park Manor Terrace, Bowne Park, Briarwood, Broadway-Flushing, Cambria Heights, Creedmoor, Douglaston, Doug Bay, Douglas Manor, Dunton Block, Fed. of Civics of SE Queens, Floral Park, Flushing on the Hill, Flushing Suburban, Foch Blvd. Block, Forest Hills Chamber, Forest Hills Van Court, Fresh Meadows, Greater Whitestone, Hillcrest Estates, Hilltop Village, Hollis Park Gardens, Holliswood, Holly, Jackson Heights Beautification, Jamaica Hill, Jamaica Village, Kew Gardens Hills, Kissena Park, Little Neck Pines, North Bellerose, North Flushing, North Hills, Oakland Gardens, Queensboro Hill, Queens Colony, Queens Village, Ridgewood, Rocky Hill, Royal Ranch, South Ozone Park West, Southeast Queens Concerned Neighbors, United Neighbors, Utopia Estates, Waldheim, and West Cunningham Park.

The entire Queens Civic Congress Platform may be viewed on the internet at <http://www.queensciviccongress.org/Platform/02platform.htm>