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QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS: LET THE VOTERS DECIDE TERM LIMITS

“[Queens Civic Congress](#) opposes any plan to change term limits except through a public referendum,” stated Corey Bearak, President of the borough-wide coalition of civic and condo, cooperative, tenant and other community organizations, at a City Hall news conference convened by Councilman David Weprin. “If City Hall and the City Council seek to repeal or modify terms limits, anything other than a voter referendum smacks of illegitimacy. Legitimacy and confidence in government depends on politicians recognizing the public will. Any failure to recognize two public referendums would reduce the city government to, in my predecessor’s words, *junta*. Let the voters decide term limits.”

“Queens Civic Congress invites concerned organizations and citizens to join in support of our "Let the Voters Decide" campaign for Democracy in New York. Its [website](#) will list supporters.

“Queens Civic Congress also urges New Yorkers to call 3-1-1 with this simple and direct message to City Hall, “Let the voters decide term limits.”

Queens Civic Congress Position on Term Limits
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1. Queens Civic Congress – representing the civic movement in the borough of Queens – calls on ALL public officials and those who aspire to public office to commit to the use of referendum to attempt any change in the City Charter enacted in that matter, and state that position publicly.
2. The public voted two separate times, first to enact term limits and second to reject its repeal. Consistent with this position, any change in term limits, from revocation to extending or reducing the number of terms must only be enacted by the same process of voter referendum that enacted the two-term limits on municipal office holder.
3. Queens Civic Congress takes no position on the substance of term limits; some in the civic movement support term limits; some oppose it; others support it for some offices but not all. Queens Civic Congress says “let the voters decide.”
4. Simply put, Queens Civic Congress opposes any plan to change the term limit law as currently exists except through a public referendum.
5. If City Hall and the City Council seek to repeal or modify terms limits, anything other than a voter referendum smacks of illegitimacy.

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