Queens Civic Congress Welcomes Focus on Queens Health Care Needs

City Comptroller William Thompson last week released a report on the impact of hospital closing in Queens. The Comptroller also released letters to the Mayor and State Health Commissioner to take action on what everyone in Queens certainly sees as a crisis in health care, particularly as it concerns our hospitals.

Queens Civic Congress Health and Hospitals Committee Chair, Kevin Forrestal, continues to follow developments in this regard and remains our primary spokesperson and liaison to elected and health care officials.

As Queens Civic Congress receives information, including the items linked below from the City Comptroller, it will post to such information this website's <u>Media</u> section and email to our member list. (If you are not receiving these emails and wish to, please email your email, name and affiliation to Queens Civic Congress President Corey Bearak at <u>Bearak@aol.com</u>)

THOMPSON CALLS ON CITY AND STATE TO TAKE ACTION REGARDING OUEENS HOSPITAL CRISIS

(http://comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2009 releases/pr09-06-141.shtm)

*Find links to the Comptroller's letter to the Mayor and NYS Health Commissioner Richard Daines below:

View Bloomberg letter

(http://comptroller.nyc.gov/press/pdfs/06-02-09 Bloomberg-letter.pdf)

View Daines letter

(http://comptroller.nyc.gov/press/pdfs/06-02-09 Daines-letter.pdf)

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^{*}Find the link to Comptroller's June 2, 2009 news release appears below:

*The link to the Comptroller's Police Alert follows:

<u>Closures of St. Johns and Mary Immaculate Hospitals Are Overwhelming Remaining Emergency Rooms</u>

http://comptroller.nyc.gov/bureaus/opm/reports/06-01-09_Hospital-closures-Policy-Alert-Jun-1.pdf

Find below links to previous Queens Civic Congress Health Care posts:

2009-02-23 Health Care Matters Especially for those who cannot raise they voices...So we must raise ours

<u>2009-02-20 The Life You Save Today May Be Your Own or a Loved One</u> (community outrage on the St. John's and Mary Immaculate closings)

2009-02-13 Queens Civic Congress Supporting Community on Hospitals Concerned about plans to close Mary Immaculate and St. John's Hospitals