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QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION SUN. NOV. 17, 2-4pm

The Annual Legislative Reception of the Queens Civic Congress takes place Sunday, November 17, 2002, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., announced President Sean M. Walsh. The coalition of over one hundred civic, community, cooperative and tenant groups in the Borough of Queens holds the annual event at the Douglaston Club, 600 West Drive at Manor Road in Douglas Manor. Elected officials confirmed at press time include Council Finance Chair David Weprin, Members of Congress Gary Ackerman and Anthony Weiner, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown, Council Zoning Chair Anthony Avella, Assembly Member Mark Weprin, and State Senator Toby Stavisky.

The opportunity for pols and civic leaders to informally chat, make friends and talk issues takes on a new twist this year in the aftermath of post-election announcements of significant City and State budget deficits, said Executive Vice President for Public Affairs Corey B. Bearak. Elected officials and community leaders get a convenient opportunity to discuss fiscal concerns and possible solutions just days after City Hall announced tax hikes and service cuts.

QCC President Walsh already issued a statement: "Rather than the Mayor's across the board hike in the property tax that would exacerbate existing inequities in the system of assessing and taxing New York City commercial and residential real estate, the Queens Civic Congress, a borough-wide coalition of more than 100 civic, condo, cooperative and tenants associations, calls on the City of New York to adopt the measures approved last spring by the members of the Congress and contained in the Queens Civic Congress 2002-2003 Platform."

Executive Vice President for Planning and Development Patricia Dolan noted that the Queens Civic Platform contains a specific section on City Fiscal Affairs and its economic development sections supports proposals to raise billions in revenues.

View the Queens Civic Congress Platform at www.queensciviccongress.org.