



Queens Civic Congress

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To the Editor:

The Queens Civic Congress, an umbrella organization that represents some one hundred civic and community associations throughout Queens County, is planning a rally in front of Queens Borough Hall (120-55 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens) on Monday, May 12, 2008, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The rally seeks to call attention to those land use issues that will maintain and improve the quality of life for all Queens residents. Queens residents need to make sure that City Hall and City Planning hear our voices!

Those issues include:

- *contextual rezonings of those communities not yet completed in order to curb overdevelopment,
- *new zoning designations for under-protected neighborhoods,
- *landmarking of deserving buildings, districts and scenic areas, and
- *making sure any placement of a community facility in our neighborhoods is appropriate and in context.

The Congress is also concerned with the consistent and adequate enforcement of zoning and building codes by the Department of Buildings.

The positions that the Congress takes on these issues is found in its platform, Civic 2030 (www.queensciviccongress.org/CIVIC2030.pdf). Elected officials and community board chairs who endorse the Congress' positions on these issues will be invited to speak at the rally. (They should read, sign and return the [letter](http://queensciviccongress.org/meetings/files/2008-05-12_Rally_letter.pdf) available at http://queensciviccongress.org/meetings/files/2008-05-12_Rally_letter.pdf.)

All community leaders and concerned citizens are urged to attend the rally to show support for the issues that affect our neighborhoods throughout Queens. For more information, please go to www.queensciviccongress.org.

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