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QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS: MOLDY OLD TAX HIKE JUST WON'T DO

The “acceleration” of the “end” of the 7% property tax reduction represents nothing less than a real property tax gouge, stated Corey Bearak, President of the [Queens Civic Congress](#), an umbrella organization of more than 100 neighborhood based civic organizations representing property owners, including those owning coops and condos, and tenants who reside in every part of Queens. Queens Civic Congress renews its call on the Mayor and City Council to recast much its revenue proposals to balance the City budget mid-year and anticipated revenue shortfalls in the next fiscal year. In [September](#) and [last month](#), Queens Civic Congress addressed the administration's talk hiking our property taxes and proposed a sound and practical [alternative](#).

“Queens Civic Congress, in its [CIVIC2030](#) platform, outlines revenue and fiscal reforms more sensible and preferable than the same old menu of moldy measures announced one day after our nation made history,” said Bearak. “Time exists to give careful and merited consideration to Queens Civic Congress revenue [proposals](#), including the Queens Civic Congress real property tax system [reform](#) that also would re-introduce equity and fairness rather than a stale resort to hiking property taxes. Despite the agreement to raise real estate taxes, the administration and the council can make a real difference by advancing this change for good.”

Queens Civic Congress – in testimonies, statements, other advocacy and, most recently, its May 2008 “[REAL](#) Property Tax Reform” forum – advocates an [improvement](#) that bring equity, fairness and transparency to the City's antiquated, inequitable and unfair real estate tax regime AND nets the City some five billion dollars – yes, \$5,000,000,000, without gouging middle and working class homeowners, businesses and tenants.

“Queens Civic Congress advocates most of the net revenues to help the city strategically reform its tax system, address long-term borrowing issues and re-structure its out of whack budget.” explained Bearak.

“It remains clear from much can be done to raise revenue and at the same time give the middle and working class (homeowners and tenants) a break,” Bearak concluded. “Instead of taxing New Yorkers, many of them struggling in tough economic times, implement the Queens Civic Congress REAL Property Tax Reform.”

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