

Dear Queens Civic Congress:

The undersigned hereby commits to the following Land Use and Planning items covered in the CIVIC 2030 Platform of the Queens Civic Congress:

1. Immediate City Planning Certification for ULURP of all pending and proposed rezonings not later than June 30, 2008. City Council adoption of of all contextual community downzoning (including but not limited to: Auburndale, Dutch Kills, Floral Park, Glendale, Hollis Hills, Kew Gardens Hills, Laurelton, Maspeth, North Flushing, Oakland Gardens, the entire Rockaway peninsula, Rosedale, Waldheim/Holly and sections of Bayside and Bellerose) applications not later than August 31, 2009.
2. City Council and City Planning Department file joint zoning applications within 30 days for additional contextual districts to cover un-protected and under-protected residential communities that lack appropriate or protective zoning designation(s) including but not limited to new One-Family Narrow Lot, One Family Row House, and "R1A" zones.
3. Landmarks Preservation Commission Calendaring of the Queens locations for landmark designation as historic buildings, historic district and/ or historic spaces (See list).
4. Allocate sufficient funds to the Landmarks Preservation Commission and Department of City Planning for staff to initiate and complete zoning studies and landmark designations.
5. End Self-Certification and Self-Inspection and require the Department of Buildings to follow zoning regulations and building codes rather create new interpretations that require new legislation to achieve the original intent meaning of laws. Even if the Department of Building implements this, pass legislation not later than August 31, 2008 to make this permanent.
6. Require an independent annual audit by the City Comptroller of all R1 through R6 NB and Alt applications to determine Building Department compliance with the requirement to end creative and new interpretations of zoning and codes.
7. Reform Community Facilities zoning to require a special permit for any bulk beyond what the existing zoning allows, not later than August 31, 2009.

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