



CALLING ALL QUEENS PRESERVATIONISTS:

Special Election in Council District 30 To Influence All Preservation Efforts In Queens

By now you've probably heard about the upcoming [special election](#) in 30th Council District in Queens. In the aftermath of the former Council Member's resignation, five candidates have entered the race to represent the neighborhoods of Glendale, Maspeth, Middle Village, Ridgewood, Woodhaven and parts of Richmond Hill. There are a number of historic resources within these neighborhoods that lack protection **but there are no designated landmarks in the whole district**. As development pressures within the community continue to increase, the unique character of these areas is being threatened and compromised.

For this reason HDC has launched [The League of Preservation Voters](#), a coalition aimed at putting **preservation and development issues on politicians' radar before they are elected into office**. By demonstrating a visible and vocal preservation constituency during the actual campaign, we hope to motivate whoever wins the seat to recognize "community preservation" as a top priority. Coalition members include the Queens Civic Congress, Glendale Civic Association, Glendale Property Owners Association, Juniper Park Civic Association, Liberty Park Homeowners Association, Newtown Historical Society, Richmond Hill Historical Society, Ridgewood Property Owners/Residents Association and Ridgewood Reservoir Preservation Group. Although individual group members might choose to endorse a candidate, this coalition is strictly non-partisan.

A nonpartisan **Voter Guide** has already been published (you may access it by [clicking here](#)), and we are co-hosting **a candidate forum with the other League members this Wednesday**. The forum is your chance to hear firsthand the candidates' opinions on the issues that matter to you.

Don't live in the district? You still need to be there! Even if you don't live in the 30th Council District, whoever wins this election will have a profound effect on development and preservation on all of Queens. Whether voting on contentious rezonings, advocating to fellow Council Members or overseeing the budget negotiations for the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the individual elected will help determine the future of preservation in Queens. **This is your chance to meet the candidates for Queens' newest representative to the City Council. Who will be the best advocate for our neighborhoods and historic resources?**

Questions from the Public will be taken – your voices need to be heard!

**District 30 Candidate Forum
Wednesday, May 21, 2008
7-9pm**

**Public School 49
79-15 Penelope Avenue
Middle Village, NY 11379**

If you have any questions about the League of Preservation Voters or our efforts within the 30th Council District, email HDC's Community Coordinator at lbelfer@hdc.org or call (212) 614-9107.

**The election is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3. Contact the Board of Elections of the City of New York, Queens Office at (718) 730-6730 for questions regarding voter eligibility and polling place locations.*