

Queens Civic Congress 2009 Candidates Survey – Evergreen Chou

Land Use/ Zoning

Will you support retaining zoning regulations that subject development of big box stores to public land review in most NYC neighborhoods? Yes X No _____

Will you support legislation enabling the city to force violators to comply with Zoning Resolution and Building Code violations? Yes X No _____

Will you support legislation authorizing City Council review of BSA decisions? Yes X No _____

How do you envision the role of community boards in planning for neighborhood growth, budgeting and quality of life issues. I would like to see a process where if the community board votes no to a project or votes no to a variance. That is the final vote. The developers should not be able to go to BSA and still get approval for project and/or variance. I would like to see Community Board work with City Council person as to where the discretionary funds are allocated to. To have Police community liaison person come to a special quality of life community board session.

Building and Code Enforcement

Will you sponsor legislation-called for by the Queens Civic Congress—to give the city authority to issue summons by DOB, FDNY and HPD to property owners who refuse access to their properties where a complaint of an illegal use exists. Yes X No _____

Would you rescind the Department of Building's Rules 105-03 and 105-04 which limit challenges by the public to new construction for a period of 45 days after the issuance of work permits? Yes X No _____

Water Rates

Will you sponsor legislation to abolish the NYC Water Board whose only function seems to be to raise revenue for whichever Mayor happens to occupy City Hall? Yes X No _____

In view of the exponentially rising property taxes and water use charges, will you support returning the cost of water supply and treatment facilities capital expenses to New York City's capital budget? Yes X No _____

New Yorkers are fed up with so called enforcement of quality of life violations. Will you support legislation to authorize traffic and other enforcement agents issue summonses for dumping, littering and similar offenses? Yes X No _____

Parks/ Concessions

Will you support calls by park advocates for changes in the rules for major concessions that will require public review of changes in the use, design and configuration of parks, playgrounds and major features therein? Yes X No _____

Will you support tightening rules for major concessions? Yes X No _____

Discretionary Funding

How will you decide which groups to support with City Council member funds? I would meet with Community Board to get their input. I will have a period of 2 months for all community groups to submit proposal to my office. I will hold town hall meetings to have open discussion as to which organization that I am planning to give funds to. I will then wait for a period of 1 week for anyone to object with stated

reasons. _____

How will you respond to situations where a group seeking funding employs a person who is your relative or is a relative of a staff member? _____ I will have the group fill out a open disclosure form stating that their employees are not my relatives. And if there are members of this group that is related then, I will have them fill out a affidavit stating that the fund will only be used by the group for the public good and not be used in any way to increase the salary of said person/s. _____

CIVIC 2030

Have you read the Queens Civic Congress Platform*, CIVIC 2030? Yes No _____

Do you support CIVIC 2030? Yes No _____
Yes, but with exceptions _____ Please list: _____

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*CIVIC 2030 may be viewed or downloaded at <http://queensciviccongress.org/platform/CIVIC2030.pdf>

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