

Queens Civic Congress 2009 Candidates Survey – Peter Koo, Council District 20

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**

Will you support legislation enabling the city to force violators to comply with Zoning Resolution and Building Code violations?

**Yes**

Will you support legislation authorizing City Council review of BSA decisions?

**Yes**

How do you envision the role of community boards in planning for neighborhood growth, budgeting and quality of life issues.

**As an active member of Community Board 7, I know firsthand the important job they perform bringing government closer and more accessible to the people, provide local input regarding issues pertaining to budget, land-use and development, and give assistance to residence in dealing with city agencies. I believe that Community Boards should be provided with the necessary funding required to carry out their important role.**

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**

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**

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**

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**

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, with the condition that the enforcement is fair and reasonable.**

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**

Will you support tightening rules for major concessions?

**Yes**

Discretionary Funding

How will you decide which groups to support with City Council member funds?

**I will allocate funding to groups who have a proven record of effective community service, quality programs, willingness for transparency and devoid of any conflict of interests.**

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 would refrain from funding groups that employs a relative of either a staff member or me. This would be to avoid any implications of favoritism, conflict of interest or impropriety.**

CIVIC 2030

Have you read the Queens Civic Congress Platform\*, CIVIC 2030?

**Yes**

Do you support CIVIC 2030?

**Yes.**

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

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